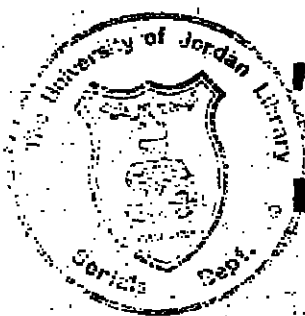


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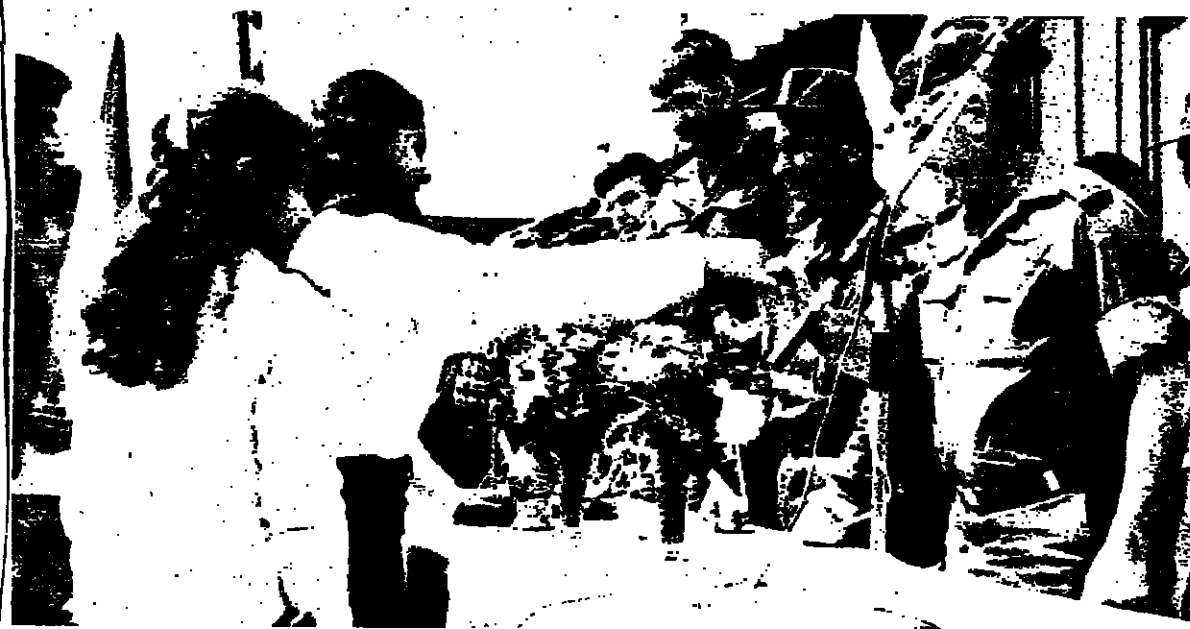
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Girls from the Lebanese village of Marjayoun present Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan with flowers at a ceremony in Metulla yesterday marking the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Good Fence. To Eitan's right are Major Saad Haddad, the Lebanese Christian militia leader, and Aluf Avigdor Ben-Gal, O/C Northern Command. (IDF Photo)

'PLO could infiltrate under cover of Lebanese regulars' Eitan warns of renewed fighting

Jerusalem Post Staff
Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan yesterday warned of a renewed war of attrition along the South Lebanese border if PLO terrorists were to increasingly infiltrate the area under the cover of Lebanese troops and the "protection" of UNIFIL.

Speaking at a ceremony marking the fifth anniversary of the opening of the Good Fence crossing point near Metulla, Eitan said that Lebanese regular forces would protect terrorists attacking Israel's northern border.

"If the terrorist influence spreads under the protection of UNIFIL to the Good Fence," Eitan said, "the meaning of this is that the State of Israel will return to the condition of attrition along that border and residents of South Lebanon may become refugees in Israel."

Eitan, CO Northern Command, accompanied by an entourage of

senior army officers and Haddad's lieutenants. With a youth orchestra from Klea playing, they were received by South Lebanese dignitaries and schoolchildren. Three Shi'a girls from the village of Adeisa presented Eitan with a bouquet and Haddad made a nominal contribution to the Israel Defence Fund.

Haddad advised the Lebanese army, which has recently been moving troops into the south, to "first make peace in Beirut and the north" and only then venture southward.

The Irish commander of UNIFIL, Major-General William Callaghan, on Saturday defended the redeployment of the Lebanese regulars, saying "they're entitled to be deployed anywhere in South Lebanon."

Meanwhile, Israel Radio reported that Shi'a Moslems in Kantara and other villages fled their homes after a platoon of Lebanese army regulars moved back into the village this weekend, and the radio

said, looted some homes.

After the Good Fence ceremony, Haddad's men left for Kantara, where they released three Lebanese soldiers taken prisoner a week ago. Haddad said this was a gesture to help defuse tension in the area. A fourth soldier was released last Thursday.

Ireland's Defence Minister, Sylvester Barrett, arrived in Israel yesterday for talks with local officials and a visit to Irish soldiers serving with UNIFIL. Barrett told Israel Radio that Ireland was "committed to the role of the UN Interim Force in Lebanon" which he called "an honest endeavour to establish peace" in South Lebanon.

Terrorists last night directed heavy shelling from the Beaufort fortress and Ramat Armon at the Christian-held enclave. Haddad's militias in Marjayoun, Klea, Dibin and Taibe returned the artillery fire. Yesterday was the second day in succession that heavy exchanges of fire took place between the terrorists and the militias.

Strikes close schools today and tomorrow

Jerusalem Post Staff

Schools all over the country will be closed tight today and tomorrow.

Today's shutdown follows the decision of the two teachers' unions to protest the government's failure to sign the wage pact reached with them two and a half weeks ago. The shutdown includes special education classes usually spared work disruptions, adult education institutions and teachers' colleges.

Tomorrow's closedown results from a decision of the national parents' associations not to send children to school for one day. This move is apparently intended to add weight to the teachers' demands.

At the lowest level of the school system, private kindergartens will remain closed until the Ministry of Education approves higher fees, a kindergarten spokeswoman told the press yesterday in Tel Aviv.

Boarding schools will operate on Saturday schedules today and tomorrow.

Outings, field trips and sports days will be held today and tomorrow as scheduled.

Civil Service Commissioner Eliezer Hochster yesterday ordered the Education Ministry to dock one day's pay from the teachers' March salaries for the general strike held on February 18 and to pay half wages for each of the two days of sanctions during that month. Hochster said that his instructions comply with a government decision on the subject.

Meanwhile, Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir yesterday presented the teachers' wage agreement to the

Agreed Arbitration Board. The cabinet decided last Sunday that the board should decide whether the agreement violates the national wage pact.

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer deliberately boycotted the weekly cabinet session yesterday to underline his indignation at the government's foot-dragging over the Etzioni Commission's recommendations on teacher pay and working conditions.

Sources close to the minister said he wanted to protest that the government was procrastinating; was unable to make up its mind; and was failing to expedite any solution to the teachers' claims that could forestall the tremors in the school system.

Although Hammer got a promise, one week ago, that the Agreed Arbitration Board would take up the Etzioni Commission's recommendations at once, and produce a ruling in a few days, this promise was not kept. The board took up the recommendations only yesterday. Last week, seeing that nothing was happening, Hammer held urgent

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The New York Times

WEEKLY REVIEW

The New York Times Week in Review supplement does not appear with today's paper, due to reasons beyond our control. Instead, it is scheduled to appear tomorrow.

Witness tells how he joined Jaffa's car bombing gang

TEL AVIV (Item). — Soft-spoken and self-assured, Hassan Kahil got onto the witness stand at the Tel Aviv District Court and told how he joined the "Jaffa car-bombers" gang, whose leaders went on trial yesterday.

Kahil, a stocky man wearing a short fur-collared coat, said he joined the gang because he wanted to revenge the murder of his brother Haj Kahil who was gunned down in a Jaffa street two years ago.

He was testifying as state witness with immunity from prosecution against Mohammed Shannir, the alleged leader of the gang and Mohammed Turk, his alleged aide. Both yesterday denied the five charges of murder and nine other charges filed by the prosecution.

Shannir, 42, is accused of murdering businessman David Shulman by booby trapping his car outside Shulman's Afeka home in December 1979. He and Turk, 30, are also accused of sending persons to booby trap cars belonging to Jaffa drug dealers, of planning to murder police fraud investigator

Binyamin Siegel and to blow up the Tel Aviv police headquarters.

Kahil testified from 8:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Before he started his testimony defence lawyers asked the court to have him examined for traces of drugs in his bloodstream and urine. The court agreed and the results of the test will be known this morning.

After he answered questions from prosecution attorney Dvora Berliner the president of the three-judge bench, Judge Binyamin Cohen, asked more questions of his own saying: "We must expect all sorts of trouble in this trial. After the witness finished his testimony there will be all sorts of questions for which we can't bring him back (to the stand). Everything must be cleared up now."

Kahil is being held under police supervision 24 hours a day, and has been promised a flight ticket abroad after ending his testimony. He was brought to court yesterday under heavy guard and was sneaked in through the back door surrounded

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Aridor seeks to cut tax on building materials

By ARYEH WOLMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The government expects the prices of new apartments to be cut about 10 per cent at the end of a week, as a result of the latest package of proposed tax cuts put together by Finance Minister Yoram Aridor over the last few years.

Critics, however, say they doubt whether the tax cuts will actually be passed on to the consumer in the form of lower prices.

The government proposed to the Association of Builders and Contractors an arrangement by

which the Treasury will reduce — or even abolish — purchase tax on building materials, provided that the contractors will knock two shekels off the final price of the flat for every reduction of one shekel made by the Treasury.

Taxes generally ranging between 25 and 50 per cent of the wholesale or import price, are currently imposed both on raw materials such as

cement, steel and wood; and manufactured products such as locks, tiles, pipes and plumbing equipment.

Sources in the Treasury said last night that they expected contractors to cooperate in making price reductions of at least 10 per cent in a bid to revive the flagging demand for new homes.

They added that the resulting

stimulation of building activity could even increase the total revenue to the Treasury from purchase taxes, despite the reduction in tax rates. Other estimates, however, have put the likely loss in tax revenue as high as IS130m. in the coming fiscal year.

Many people who have already bought flats, but are still paying in

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Knesset speaker fears criminals could win seats Berman 'regrets' new crime law

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Reporter

Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Berman yesterday told Police Inspector-General Arye Ivzan and his senior colleagues that their hands would be tied in the fight against crime by some of the legislation passed recently by the Knesset.

Berman also said that organized crime in Israel had already amassed so much wealth that it would inevitably try and get representatives into future Knessets, so as to consolidate its power politically.

He said there were no legal bars to organized crime gaining a foothold in the Knesset and called for special legislation to that end.

Ivzan said there was nothing the Police Force could do about either the Knesset speaker's criticisms or suggestions.

After Berman was formally introduced to Ivzan last month, the

speaker said he would arrange a special meeting with the inspector-general and the senior command, to explain Knesset legislation affecting the police. This meeting took place yesterday.

The new legislation criticized by the speaker includes the amendment to the Criminal Procedure Law, which obliges the police to inform an arrested suspect of his rights as soon as he is brought to the station. These include the right to remain silent and the obligation of the police to inform a relative and lawyer of the arrest if the suspect so requests.

"These measures limit your freedom of action and regrettably hamper you in your fight against crime," Berman said.

He warned that organized crime tends naturally to seek political support in order to ensure it can retain and increase its ill-gotten gains. A private member's bill to bar ex-

convicts from standing in a Knesset election, until a period of time has elapsed since their conviction, has only just begun its first reading. Because the chances of its enactment before the Knesset rises are slim, there is nothing to stop persons with criminal records entering the 10th Knesset following the June 30 election.

Berman also urged that laws be passed to inspect the probity of political parties' internal management. He complained that the laws governing party financing are ineffective, despite repeated admonitions by the state comptroller. He said parties get the taxpayer's money and then virtually do as they please with it.

Berman added that the cases of fraud and forgery that come to light from time to time on the political scene are a "dangerous breach of democracy."

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BUENOS AIRES	1	16	77	Clear
CHICAGO	8	21	46	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	8	16	48	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	2	19	64	Clear
GENEVA	3	17	64	Clear
HONG KONG	18	24	68	Rain
JERUSALEM	13	22	72	Clear
LONDON	11	22	72	Clear
MADRID	8	17	63	Cloudy
MONTREAL	1	10	50	Cloudy
NEW YORK	1	10	50	Cloudy
OSLO	0	12	54	Cloudy
PARIS	11	22	61	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	20	28	82	Rain
SAO PAULO	17	24	75	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	7	19	64	Cloudy
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THE WEATHER

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	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	66	5-14	14
Golan	64	7-14	14
Nahariya	74	14-17	18
Safad	81	7-12	12
Haifa Port	83	14-17	17
Tiberias	72	13-20	20
Nazareth	78	11-18	18
Afula	65	12-18	18
Shomron	77	8-15	15
Tel Aviv	68	11-19	19
B-G Airport	62	11-19	19
Jericho	33	11-26	23
Gaza	72	11-18	18
Beer Sheva	38	7-20	20
Eilat	23	14-26	25
Tiran Straits	40	—25	25

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek was yesterday awarded the Keys of Washington D.C. and a plaque of honor by Grace Day, international president of B'nai B'rith Women, who acted for Washington Mayor Marion Barry. Present at the ceremony at the Jerusalem King David Hotel were U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis and Labour and Social Affairs Minister Israel Katz.

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MK Menahem Savidor will speak about "Israel and its Challenges in the Eighties" at the meeting of Rotary Jerusalem West at 7 p.m. today at the King David Hotel.

In Memoriam

Friends, followers and members of the family of the late Moshe Sneh met yesterday at his graveside at the Nahlat Yitzhak cemetery in Tel Aviv to mark the ninth anniversary of his death.

DEPARTURES

Dr. Michael Corinaldi, chairman of the Shomron movement, and Moshe Parkash, its election campaign chief, on a fund-raising trip among Jewish communities in Europe and the U.S.

Haifa Students hold

Purim parade today
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The Archiparchitura, the traditional Purim frolic of Technion architecture students, will take place today "come rain or shine." A parade of clowns, animals and bands, headed by Haifa Mayor Arye Gurel riding a donkey, will leave the architecture faculty building at 4 p.m. and pass through Hadar's main streets. The public is invited to join.

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HOME & WORLD NEWS

Tax bite harder on wages than on non-wage income

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Israelis have been paying more income taxes on wages than on non-wage income since 1978, according to statistics just released by the Bank of Israel.

In 1978, taxes on wage income were 45.7 per cent of the total income tax collected. In 1979, this rose to 50.1 per cent, and in 1980 — to 53.9 per cent.

Tax collections from self-employed earners rose in real terms by five per cent in 1979 and one per

cent in 1980. In 1979 companies paid nine per cent more but 16 per cent less in 1980, while income tax revenue from wage earners rose by 26 per cent in 1979 and by 16 per cent in 1980, in real terms.

The only significant increase in taxes on non-wage income was with respect to deductions at source, some of which is really wage income. These shrank by 3 per cent in 1979 but increased by 41 per cent, in real terms, in 1980, after tax authorities tightened up requirements in this area.

TAX CUT ON BUILDING

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statements, are expected to benefit from the proposed cuts. Most contractors link the amount of the installment payments to a price index of building materials, which will now fall.

Zvi Freedman, the builders' association spokesman, said yesterday that housing prices will probably be cut by about 10 per cent. This would boost the number of private sector housing starts this year to well beyond the depressed level of 18,000 recorded in 1980.

The proposal was first made by the government to the association only last Thursday but the contractors will submit a detailed reply tomorrow, Freedman said. This will allow the price cuts to be made before the end of the week.

Asked whether disruption would be caused in the building industry if the full tax rates were re-imposed after the elections in June, Freedman said: "We hope to prove that lower taxes will give such a boost to construction that no government would dare raise them again."

But the man widely tipped as housing minister in a future Labour government, Rafi Edri, the managing-director of the Histadrut housing firm Shikun Ovdim, yesterday criticized the plans.

"The people who will benefit

most from these indiscriminate tax cuts are those who buy the biggest apartments with the most expensive materials," he said. "We should be concentrating on helping young couples and large families by giving them cheap mortgages."

Edri said he was not opposed in principle to tax cuts on building materials. "But such cuts have to be worked out carefully as part of a general economic policy and not rushed through before the elections," he said.

He added that the government would have no effective way of checking whether the contractors were passing on the full price reduction to the house-buyers as agreed. "Most of the tax cuts will probably be absorbed before they reach the consumer," he said.

Coincidentally, in a recently published analysis of the government's mortgage policy, National Consultants, a private financial consulting firm, say the increased demand for housing stimulated by cheap mortgages "must be met with a comparable increase in supply in order to maintain the overall balance in the housing sector."

The report suggests giving tax incentives to private contractors to encourage more building, but emphasizes the ill effects of taxing inflationary company profits.

DAYAN'S NEW PARTY

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with Rafi in its courtship of Dayan, the source noted. However, Rafi seemed to have prevailed and Hurvitz's hawkishness and the bitter disagreements that he and Weizman had had over the defence budget, had made it impossible for Weizman to join any party in which Hurvitz was a leading member.

The scenario now expected by some Rafi members is that after Dayan returns to Israel from his Mediterranean cruise and makes his expected April 2 announcement about the formation of the new party, Weizman would join it if Hurvitz were not a member at that time.

Relations between Hurvitz and Dayan began to sour on several points. They failed to reach agreement on several controversial articles in the party platform, especially the Dayan concept of unilateral autonomy, which Hurvitz considers a prelude to a Palestinian state. The Hurvitz camp is also displeased with a Dayan compromise suggestion on Jerusalem. Dayan now suggests that the platform plank state that the party is resolutely behind the Knesset law on Jerusalem as an integral part of Israel, but that a footnote include his own proposal to the effect that Jordan will have the right to demand sovereignty of East Jerusalem in future negotiations.

Other points of contention include Dayan's insistence on having former Labour MK Mordechai Ben-Porat in the party's number two slot, and his demand that Rafi cease to exist as an independent bloc within the party. Ben-Porat will reportedly be willing to move back on the slate of candidates for a

"superstar" such as Weizman or Labour's Yitzhak Rabin.

Rafi sources said there is increasing opposition to entering Dayan's new party at this point and many colleagues have apparently accused him of being "hard-hearted" in his readiness to dump Hurvitz, particularly since one of the latter's reasons for quitting the government had been to launch the new party with Dayan.

But Rafi does not speak with a united voice, and its executive chairman, Zalman Shoval, remains firm in his backing of Dayan. He told *The Post* yesterday that he is sure the difficulties between Dayan and Hurvitz will be ironed out and accused the "dirty tricks department" of another party of fomenting the trouble. To his mind the new party is being formed "to prevent the ceding of any part of Judea and Samaria to foreign rule and this right-of-centre premise is enough of a common denominator between them."

Sources close to Dayan and to the Labour Party both said yesterday that they were trying to woo former police inspector-general Herzl Shafir into their ranks. Shafir has heightened speculation by taking part in the last two Bama discussions, which is generally regarded as Dayan's political springboard.

However, Labour Party sources reported that they too have been holding talks with Shafir and that they are close to finalizing an agreement with him, whereby he would join Labour. Shafir's older brother, Avraham Shechterman, is chairman of Herut's central committee.

Agriculture exporters get gov't aid

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Exporting farmers, hard pressed by inflation at home and the revaluation of European currencies in relation to the dollar,

will receive IS100m. in grants and loans, according to an agreement just approved by the Ministries of Agriculture and Finance.

These funds will go mainly to citrus, flower, vegetable and goose liver exporters to help cover their losses for the current season. At the end of the season, the two ministries will review the financial situation of the exporters to decide whether to compensate them next year as well.

A source at the Ministry of Agriculture said that these funds will improve the agricultural exporters' cash situation and encourage them to continue producing for export.

IDF takes action on homes of terrorists

Jerusalem Post Staff

GAZA. — Military authorities here yesterday blew up one house and sealed off the second floor of another house belonging to confessed members of a PLO terror cell.

The two admitted killing a Gaza resident last April and throwing a grenade at an IDF jeep earlier this month, a military spokesman said.

On Friday, security forces destroyed the homes of the two other members of the four-man cell. The two had also confessed to being involved in the murder, and to belonging to Fatah, the largest group in the PLO, the spokesman said.

PESACH PRESENTS. — Tel Aviv Labour Council Secretary Dov Ben-Meir called on workers in Tel Aviv and Jaffa to buy only Israeli products as Pesach presents this year.



This magnificent mosque is being constructed — with money donated by rich Arab oil countries — next to the industrial zone of Kiryat Arba on the outskirts of Hebron. Kiryat Arba residents feel the purpose of the mosque is to block their expansion. The mosque, which is located in a relatively undeveloped area, is built from hand-hewn stone. (UPPA/Korlick)

CAR BOMBING TRIAL

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by police detectives.

"If something happens to him, too, we've had it," one of his guards said.

Kahil said he joined the Shannir gang after David Shulman was murdered. Shannir was arrested after the Shulman murder but was later released. Turk, a childhood friend of Kahil's, asked him to blow up a car with a booby trap similar to the one used against Shulman to lift suspicion from Shannir, according to Kahil.

Turk, the witness said, did not care whose car was blown up. So, Kahil said, he suggested booby trapping a car which belonged to Yoav Sina who often loaned his car to Amram Edri, one of the men Kahil blamed for the murder of his brother. Edri escaped the trap and the explosion of the booby trap severed both of Sina's legs. (Amram Edri and his brother Carlos had been tried for Haj Kahil's murder but acquitted).

After Shannir was released from police detention, Turk took Hassan Kahil to meet him. They both went to Shannir's home in Givat Herzl and they met the alleged leader of the gang sitting under a mulberry tree while his son made tea for the three men. Shannir mentioned that he had murdered Shulman, according to Kahil.

Shannir, Kahil said, offered him membership in his gang. Kahil allegedly understood that Shannir's ultimate end was to avenge the murder of Shannir's brother, Ali, who had been killed in an underworld gang war.

Upon joining the gang, Kahil said Shannir asked him for "membership fees" of IL100,000 to buy explosives and other sabotage material. Kahil said he paid up and Shannir told him that the man who had first tried to murder Kahil's brother was Miko Loya, a Jaffa drug dealer. (Loya's alleged attempt failed).

Shannir suggested blowing up Loya's car and Kahil was flattered since Loya was an object of his revenge and not Shannir's, the witness said.

Kahil said he hired a man called Bassam Mahajna to booby trap Loya's car. But Mahajna for some reason left the bomb near the car and it did not explode. (Mahajna was also indicted as an alleged member of the gang but in the meantime escaped from a Givatayim lock-up. Since Mahajna's escape, Turk and Shannir are being held in the Ramle jail detention cells and are only allowed to talk to visitors from a distance.)

Kahil then told how the gang had murdered Moshe Doshi and Yosef Lev ("Abu Tom") — two major Jaffa drug dealers.

They also planned attacks against Yisrael Bagimov (who escaped injury when the gas balloon outside his home was blown up), Shlomo Kuriel and Mordechai Rotenberg, Kahil said.

After finishing the first part of his testimony Judge Cohen said: "You actually wanted to revenge your brother but worked against men Shannir wanted to kill." Kahil answered: "In three cases we worked for me, Yoav Sina, Miko Loya and Yisrael Bagimov."

STRIKES CLOSE SCHOOLS

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meetings with Prime Minister Menahem Begin and Finance Minister Yoram Aridor. But all to no avail.

In his indignation, Hammer began boycotting cabinet committee meetings last week.

Hammer told his colleagues that their dawdling would make a teachers' strike inevitable.

In reply to a question put him by an Itim reporter in Haifa, Hammer said that "we must wait for a few days until the arbitration board reaches its decision about the wage agreement."

Speaking on a Galei Zahal radio broadcast, Hammer yesterday

reiterated his intent to resign "unless a way is found to return the school system to normal and unless I can carry out my responsibilities."

The spokeswoman for the private kindergarten teachers told the press in Tel Aviv that the kindergartens were losing money monthly because of the gap between the maximum IS383 they are allowed to charge for a child's education each month and the IS513 it actually costs the school. The spokeswoman, Edna Shverberg, chairman of the Private Kindergarten Association, said the teachers could not agree to a government subsidy to cover costs because experience has shown that the government cannot be relied upon to pay its subsidies on time.

Zamir to see Naor on Lurie's charges

Post Police Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir will meet cabinet secretary Arye Naor this week to discuss journalist Ra'anan Lurie's accusations that he leaked official government secrets to him.

Lurie, who arrived in Israel last week from Germany, yesterday distributed with the help of friends the results of a lie detector test which he claims verifies his accusations.

A copy of the test results conducted by the Israeli Polygraphy Institution was submitted to Zamir.

According to Lurie, the test proves that Naor asked for Lurie's help in securing a post on the German newspaper *Die Welt* in October last year. The test, he claims, also determines that Naor offered

internal government documents, asking in exchange a written statement that he never offered Lurie confidential material.

A source in Zamir's office said the attorney-general will decide how to deal with the affair after meeting Naor.

CANCER. — A bi-national Israeli-French seminar on cancer immunology will be held today and tomorrow at the Technion's medical faculty in Haifa. The seminar is being held under the auspices of the two foreign ministries, the National Council for Research and Development and the French National Health and Medical Research Institute.

Sinai settlers block roads — again

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

Jerusalem Post Reporter

North Sinai settlers yesterday blocked the road to El-Arish for the third time in three weeks, demanding higher compensation for their homes and businesses which must be vacated next year when the area is returned to Egypt.

Egypt, a source there said. The cabinet in Jerusalem discuss the situation yet although a debate was expected. Agriculture Minister Arie resigned last Tuesday in cabinet committee hand final details of the compensation the North Sinai farmers. A spokesman for the

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Meridor said returning to active life

Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ya'acov Meridor, Menahem Begin's predecessor as Irgun pre-state underground commander, has agreed to resume his political activity in Herut and may be awarded the No. 2 slot on the party's slate of candidates, Herut sources report.

Herut has made many attempts pull Meridor back into politics he has often been mentioned as possible heir to Begin. But thus far rejected all talk of succeeding Begin in the leadership. Meridor, 68, was a member First Knesset and has since d himself to business.

We announce in deep sorrow the passing of our beloved mother, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother

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formerly of Cardiff

The Family

The funeral was on Friday, March 20, 1981. Shiva at 15 Shapira Street, Petah Tikva.

I deeply mourn the passing of my dear friend

ABRAHAM WIX

and offer my sincere condolences to the bereaved family.

Abraham Levin

My wife, our mother, grandmother

ADINA NACHLIELI

is no more.

She was laid to rest on Har Hamenuhot, Jerusalem, 16 Adar Bet.

Her Mourning Husband, Children & Grandchildren

We mourn the passing of

ROSE ZUCKERMAN

mother of Paul Zuckerman, our colleague and member of the JDC Board of Directors and extend condolences to the family

American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee

Anti-gerida organization planned by ex-agency head

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Former Jewish Agency director-general Shmuel Lahis, who resigned a month over agency inaction in dealing with emigration, is establishing an organization to lobby immediate action on the issue. Lahis told *The Jerusalem Post* that he will be supported by seven public figures, none of whom is affiliated with any political party, but who are "about what Lahis sees as a dangerous sapping of Israel's strength through gerida (emigration). He declined to name any of his supporters at this point.

"We will not let this matter rest," he asserted. "We will demand that the Jewish Agency and the government finally implement their previous decision."

Lahis placed advertisements in most of today's papers at his own

expense, castigating the government and the agency for failing to implement a two-month-old decision aimed at coordinating policy on gerida. At that time, the agency government coordinating body, chaired by Prime Minister Menachem Begin, decided to set up a joint committee on emigration.

Although the government nominated Deputy Prime Minister Simha Ehrlich and Absorption and Housing Minister David Levy, and the Jewish Agency named Zionist Executive members Raphael Koltowitz and Yosef Shapira to the committee, it has not yet convened.

The former director-general, who authored a controversial report on gerida a few months ago, maintained that he will continue his "private struggle" against emigration and will place additional advertisements even if he has to pay for them himself.

3 drug dealers arrested in capital

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A main supply of drugs to the capital is believed to have been cut with the arrests of at least 13 major drug dealers, Jerusalem police sources said yesterday.

The arrests were made on Saturday night in an operation dubbed "hushan," after the name of the Asian town where the Purim tale takes place.

Some 100 detectives and policemen were briefed for the top-secret raid just hours before they were dispatched to the homes of more than 30 alleged drug dealers, sources said.

Many of the suspects were not at

home when police arrived. "They were probably at Purim parties doing business," said one police source. A spokesman added that the raids would continue.

Undercover agents were used extensively as police prepared for the operation. In almost every case, an undercover agent purchased a small amount of drugs from the suspects before the raid, police sources said.

Major raids in the past have netted many users, but even police admit that, until now, few "kingpins" of the Jerusalem drug trade have been caught.

The district attorney's office was informed in advance of the raids, and files have already been prepared on each of the suspects.

ouths help to secure homes of elderly

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Teenage youngsters recruited by Civil Guard go to work today installing locks and peepholes in the doors of some 300 flats owned by elderly people in Jerusalem ghettos.

The *Jerusalem Post's* Forsake Me fund raised \$150,000 for the project, which is under the patronage of Yochi Ivtzan, wife of Police Inspector General Rav-zav Arye Ivtzan, and involves Y. Hall, the Jerusalem Police, the Civil Guard and Egged.

The installation of locks in the strara, Nahlat, Romema and Sestonim neighborhoods this week is the first step in a range of

planned operations to enhance security for elderly people in the capital, said police spokesman Pakad Shimon Malka. The project will take three days, he said.

Civil Guard commander Nitzav-Mishne Dan Bar-Am said that the plan is to install locks and peepholes in at least 300 households identified in a survey conducted earlier this year. Egged drivers have volunteered to transport the volunteers and the social workers who will accompany them.

Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kolek is scheduled to take part in the briefing planned for the teenage volunteers this afternoon at the Russian Compound.

Haifa's administration still faulty, after all these years

By MARY MIRSCHFELD
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — According to the latest annual report by Haifa's municipal comptroller, virtually none of the shortcomings cited previously by the comptroller have been corrected.

The report shows that regulations are still not properly enforced, that individual whim and not the law still rules, and that bureaucracy is still winning over the people's best interests.

Regarding Haifa's fire brigade, for example, although Interior Ministry regulations stipulate there must be at least six fire stations in the district, there have never been more than four. The regulations call for 18 fire engines, instead of Haifa's 12, and for a brigade of 70 professional firemen plus 190 volunteers. The Haifa fire brigade employs 101 people — including clerical workers.

A number of improperly stored gas and kerosene containers have exploded here during the past 15 months, damaging houses, and injuring and killing several people. Because there is no municipal or state authority to force people to store gas containers in safe places, such danger continues to exist. Under existing city ordinances, the fire brigade is not required to check such installations.

Perhaps more ominous, most of Haifa's new high rise buildings were not checked by fire department inspectors before tenants moved in. The reason, points out the comptroller, is lack of coordination between the fire brigade and the city's building inspection department.

While fire brigade inspectors now receive building plans in advance and give opinions on fire prevention arrangements, "there is no follow-up whatsoever to ensure the recommendations have been carried out," the report states.

Consequently, a growing number of Haifa's homes for the aged, schools and residential buildings are being used without a proper licence from the fire brigade — many, according to the comptroller, despite the brigade's serious misgivings.

The city's veterinary and food and sanitation departments were also found lacking in coordination between their various — and often overlapping — departments. Regulations are not enforced as they should be and offenders usually get away with "ridiculously low" fines, in the words of the report.

Up to the time the comptroller's report was prepared, for example, Haifa had six chicken slaughterhouses, of which only two were under regular veterinary inspection. Four were checked very irregularly and of these, three operate without a permit. Closure orders were issued to those slaughterhouses "years ago" but none has been carried out.

In another case, while health regulations stipulate that a minimum of 130 lab checks of local drinking water must be carried out every month, during 1978-79 technicians conducted only 48 checks a month. At particularly sensitive water sources, where regulations call for 40 checks a month, they made only 17.

For lack of proper work criteria, the com-

ptroller noted, staffers from both the food and sanitary inspection departments find themselves inspecting the same place at the same time, while other establishments remain unchecked. The comptroller warned against such a waste of manpower as far back as his 1972-73 report, but nothing has changed since then, according to the current report.

During 1978-79 Haifa's sanitation department filed 774 requests for legal proceedings against health violators, but due to lack of cooperation between the municipal legal and sanitation departments, charges were either not pressed or summarily dismissed in many cases or proceedings were delayed as much as a year. Fines imposed were so small that many violators preferred to go on paying them instead of making more expensive improvements.

In one case, a shopowner was fined 13 times in two and a half years for serious sanitation violations — at no time for more than \$20. Another was fined 11 times for operating without a licence — at no time for more than \$30. In June 1979, a shopowner on Rehov Herzl, one of Haifa's busiest thoroughfares, was fined one shekel for not observing sanitation regulations.

"It is disturbing that various shortcomings and mistakes keep being repeated," Mayor Arye Gurel states in his introduction to the comptroller report. "We will not acquiesce to them, however. In times like these, of tightening belts and cutting out the superfluous, the rules of good administration must be preserved above all," he vowed.

Thai MPs arrive for six-day visit

Post Knesset Reporter

The speaker of the Thai House of Representatives, Boontheng Thongswasdi, arrived yesterday at the head of a parliamentary delegation. The Thai visitors are here for a six-day visit as the guests of Knesset Speaker Yitzhak Berman.

Thongswasdi, who was welcomed at Ben-Gurion Airport by Berman, will meet President Yitzhak Navon, Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Moshe Arens, chairman of the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

The visit will cover several topics, including health and agricultural matters. The delegation will also meet Thai trainees studying here at the Ruppin Institute of Agriculture.

The Thai speaker is accompanied by two parliamentarians, Piyarat Vacharaporn and Piansak Nissasook.

Cabinet approves new deputy attorney-general

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The cabinet approved the appointment of Shlomo Guberman yesterday as deputy attorney-general responsible for legislative affairs.

Guberman, 52, was born in Alexandria and came here in 1934. He studied at the Ratisbonne and Terra Santa colleges in Jerusalem, and received a law degree at the Hebrew University in 1955.

Among other posts, he worked in the legal adviser's departments of the Interior Ministry, the Justice Ministry, and the State Comptroller's Office. Since 1975 he has been responsible for economic legislation in the Justice Ministry.

MHD seminar begins

Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 50 scientists and engineers from Japan, India, Western Europe and North America are taking part in an international seminar on magnetohydrodynamics (MHD) beginning today at Ben-Gurion University in Beersheba.

The five-day conference on MHD, the science dealing with the motion of fluids through magnetic fields, is being chaired by former Soviet scientist Professor Yirmiyahu Branover. Branover established a laboratory for MHD in Israel with a grant from the U.S. Navy.

Galilee Jewish-Arab group protests villagers' trial

A Jewish-Arab friendship society in Galilee has called for the dropping of charges against 40 residents of a Galilee village arrested in demonstrations against a land takeover near their village.

The Society for Jewish-Arab Friendship in Western Galilee says the residents of Mifliya were indicted "on any charge possible" after a large and violent demonstration in June 1979 against the takeover of land on nearby Mount Ziv for a Jewish look-out settlement.

In a statement issued to the press recently, the Society backs up the villagers' claims that border

policemen had rushed into their homes wrecking furniture and indiscriminately beating people. (Police have denied these charges.)

Since then, the Society says, there has been no trouble at Mifliya, and residents of the village have shown no hostility to their new neighbors on Mount Ziv. In January this year, the 51 adults and 13 minors who the Society says were arrested in June 1979 were summoned to the Acre Magistrate's Court for a trial, the Society's statement says.

Charges of police brutality have not been adequately investigated, the Society says.

Bank error ruled in customer's favour

TEL AVIV (Itim). — The magistrate's court here yesterday ruled that Barclay's Discount Bank could not force a customer to pay back \$12,500 drawn on a cheque which was cancelled a month earlier by the issuer.

In July 1979, Menahem Sharabi presented a cheque for \$125,000 (\$12,500), issued by a shelter-design

company. The bank then paid him the sum through an error, since the company had ordered the cheque cancelled a month earlier.

Magistrate Shmuel Aloni ruled that this is not a case of unjust enrichment, and that the bank, at the moment of cashing the cheque in error, absolved the issuer from any obligation. He also ordered the bank to pay \$1,500 in court costs.

'Political' appointment upset foreign ministry staffers

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

There were differing opinions yesterday among Foreign Ministry workers as to whether ministry staffers should object to allegedly political appointments soon to be proposed by Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir.

According to reliable sources, three people close to Shamir's Herut Party — Ma'ariv cartoonist Kariel "Dosh" Gardosh, conceptual artist Avraham Ofek, and France-based Herut fundraiser Yitzhak Harari — may soon be appointed to serve as cultural attaches in Rome, London and Paris.

The appointments have not yet been brought to the internal ministry appointments committee.

But several sources at the ministry described the expected appointments as "political grabbing" and said there is a storm brewing over them.

Staff committee chairman Arye Levin took a different point of view. He said that there is a tradition of 15 "outside the service" appointments, indicating that it is not unusual for

those posts to be given to political associates of the ruling government. According to Levin, the three appointments that have angered other ministry personnel are among the 15.

Levin also argued that Shamir "has proven his consideration of the ministry workers" in the past.

A ministry source did not deny the right of the minister to name whomever he wishes to foreign posts, but emphasized that foreign service professionals should be given first priority.

Burglary suspect held

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A burglar allegedly caught in the act of breaking into a top floor apartment was remanded for 10 days yesterday by the Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court. Judge Yoram Galin refused the request of the suspect, Ya'acov Lanzano, to be released on bail, saying that housebreaking has become a national disease that needs stamping out.

An explanation of why Swissair has no need to introduce a King Lounge Class, a Flopper-Hopper Class, or a Golden Edelweiss Service.

It is good for an airline, as for any other company, to fear the competition next door.

This forces it to keep its eyes open to make sure that what it offers on the ground and on board is a proper equivalent for the price its passengers pay for their tickets.

Swissair is no exception to the rule.

Particularly not now, with all sorts of airlines making all sorts of service offerings (down to all sorts of subdivisions and fancy names for their various classes) and doing everything to make you think of their name and theirs alone at the crucial moment.

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You'll recall us as the airline with the Boeing 747s that have only 9, not 10 seats abreast in the Economy Class, and the DC-10s with only 8, not 9 seats abreast — more room instead of more seats.

And the airline where you as a normal-fare passenger can reserve your favorite seat when booking the flight; and where you also have more room because you can store your hand luggage in closed overhead lockers.

We are the airline that is as fussy about cleanliness as Switzerland itself in every nook and cranny.

The airline with the biggest selection of newspapers and magazines on board; real china and proper tableware. With special menus (on previous notice); the wine not in plastic cups, the drinks you order not premixed, please.

And also the airline that still has a First Class so-called because it actually is. (Let us just remind you of the "Cuisine Moderne Swissair" on our long-distance flights.)

And for that matter also the airline that is first to use the new, considerably quieter and more luxurious DC-9-81. (For instance it has a separate toilet for First Class. Our passengers in First Class take their ease on generous leather-upholstered seats. This is the

first short- and medium-haul aircraft to meet the latest rigid noise standards of the Federal Aviation Authority.)

So you can see we have no reason to put forward ordinary services as a special achievement. Certainly none to graft a fancy Flopper-Hopper name onto our Economy Class when that's already different from others as it is. And we don't propose to give our service a flowery designation when it's sufficiently known under a name that people are glad to remember always and everywhere.

So we can promise you to keep on calling our Economy Class the Economy Class. And our First Class, First Class.

This so that starting with your next flight you need remember only one thing: the name of our airline.

Poland presents Soviet Union with growing dilemma

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet Union is facing a seemingly irresolvable foreign policy dilemma after more than six months of labour unrest in Poland.

Unless the Soviets intervene militarily to restore order, it seems likely that the Polish Communist regime will never regain its unchallenged supremacy in Polish society — a condition on which the Soviets insist.

On the other hand, it seems equally likely that any Soviet military intervention would wreck Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev's peace initiative to the West, lead to a reduction in East-West trade — that might do serious damage to the already failing Soviet economy — and spark an even greater arms buildup in the West.

The Polish Communist regime's inability to bring the situation under control appears to be causing growing frustration and impatience in Moscow. Kremlin leaders have summoned Polish officials for political and economic consultations three times this month. But the meetings have done little to end months of labour unrest in the

neighbouring Warsaw Pact country. In fact, there is some thinking here that Soviet frustration with the situation may have been responsible — if indirectly — for encouraging the Polish Communists to take the stronger action that led to the current crisis.

One Western diplomat said a communique issued after the March 4 meeting in Moscow between Polish Communist Party chief Stanislaw Kania and Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev indicated that the Soviets had "given the Poles marching orders to bring things under control."

"I suspect," the diplomat said,

Soviet newspaper lauds ties with Polish army

MOSCOW (AP). — The Soviet army newspaper *Red Star* yesterday published a photograph showing Soviet and Polish tank units during a joint tactical exercise, and said a meeting between political staffs of both armies was planned later.

It was believed that the units depicted in the picture were part of the forces taking part in military maneuvers called "Soyuz 81." But

"that (the Poles) are under a lot of pressure (from the Soviets) to move more forcefully. But I think they think they'll be in a real mess if they did."

A nationwide strike alert for today and two-hour warning strikes last week seemed to demonstrate that independent trade unionists will challenge any show of force by the Polish authorities. A Soviet military move is also likely to run into opposition, though the Soviets are believed easily equipped to overcome it.

The Soviets reacted to the latest strikes through a commentary by the Soviet news agency Tass charg-

ing that Polish trade union leaders had "seriously complicated" the situation.

The situation was, of course, already complicated by the Soviets' insistence there cannot be two power centres in Poland even though the independent trade union Solidarity claims membership of 10 million people and has shown it is capable of shutting down large sectors of the economy.

The difficulty the Soviets are having in trying to come to grips with the Polish situation was illustrated on Saturday when Tass first moved a commentary accusing Solidarity labour leader Lech Walesa of an "instigatory assertion" and later moved a "correction" that dropped the word "instigatory."

The first comment seemed to reflect the Soviets' anger about the situation; the second seemed to reflect their desire not to make it any worse.

Forceful action against the independent unionists by the Polish authorities — if that is the course that has been adopted in meetings between Polish and Soviet leaders — seems a likely middle position for the Soviets.

Tory 'rebels' seek to oust Thatcher over fiscal policy

LONDON (UPI). — British newspapers yesterday featured reports of serious political threats to Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher by rebel MPs to oust her because of widespread opposition to her economic policies.

In addition, a public opinion survey showed that in an election, the Conservatives could trail far behind a party that does not yet even formally exist.

The first public warnings of treachery within Thatcher's own cabinet came from right-wing Conservative back-bench MP George Gardiner. He said a minority of MPs wanted her ousted because of hard-hitting budget measures.

"Conservative supporters should be alerted that a determined effort is being made by a minority of MPs at Westminster to undermine Margaret Thatcher and secure her replacement as party leader — if possible before the next election," said Gardiner.

Under Conservative Party rules, Thatcher could face a leadership challenge this autumn.

The *Sunday Times*, quoting its own authoritative Whitehall sources, says the government now predicts that 3.7 million people will be out of work by the end of 1983.

This higher-than-expected figure is sure to affect the government's dwindling popularity.

Further gloom for the Conservatives came with predictions that in an election they could trail in third place with just a quarter of the vote.

A poll commissioned by *The Observer* newspaper said that Britain's breakaway Social Democratic Party, which is to be formally launched this week, would lead with 35 per cent of the vote if an election were held tomorrow.

The Social Democrats are made up of 13 Labour and one Conservative MP who have defected from their old parties to form a centrist alliance together with peers from Westminster's upper chamber.

U.S. plans metal shower to wash out Soviet missiles

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — Pentagon planners, expressing worry that the Soviet Union might wipe out U.S. intercontinental missile silos in a surprise attack, say they are thinking of using metal pellets to knock out enemy warheads in flight.

The pellets would be rained on the missiles in space by specially built interceptor rockets, or the interceptors would fire heavy, umbrella-shaped nets to catch them.

The rockets would be part of a two-stage Anti-Ballistic Missile (ABM) system, one operating in space and the other in the atmosphere, envisaged by the Defence Department.

The Pentagon has been spending about \$250 million a year on ABM research since the mid-1970s. Now, as part of his policy of maintaining a

tough U.S. line against the Soviet Union, President Ronald Reagan is stepping up efforts to develop an anti-missile system.

Pentagon officials said the Reagan administration wanted to spend an extra \$130m. until the end of 1982 to perfect a low-altitude missile which could intercept and destroy attacking Soviet warheads with a nuclear blast in the atmosphere.

Research was also going ahead on the other type of ABM which would intercept Soviet rockets in space before these unleashed their warheads, officials said.

The interceptors are being developed by the Lockheed and Honeywell corporations. Lockheed says it plans to conduct the first of four flight tests of the space interceptor in late 1982 or 1983.

Renewed Zimbabwe violence may threaten foreign aid

SALISBURY (Reuters). — An outbreak of factional violence has provided an uneasy backdrop to a major conference starting today, at which Zimbabwe hopes to raise foreign aid worth \$2 billion.

Police used tear-gas in Salisbury's Harare township on Saturday to break up fights between supporters of Prime Minister Robert Mugabe and those of his predecessor, Bishop Abel Muzorewa.

Muzorewa's United African National Council (UANC) was to have held its first big rally since its crushing defeat in last year's elections, but as UANC supporters arrived for the gathering, members of Mugabe's Zimbabwe African National Union-Patriotic Front (ZANU-PF) tried to turn them back.

Around 400 UANC men were attacked and stoned by ZANU-PF

supporters before police lobbed tear-gas canisters into the crowd, police said. There were no immediate casualty reports.

The incident — the first big clash between the UANC and ZANU-PF since independence last April — provided a reminder of the deep political rivalries and tensions which government ministers have been hoping will not put off potential aid donors and foreign investors.

The aim of the five-day donors' conference is to raise money to accelerate land development programmes and improve economic growth. About 45 countries, including Britain, the U.S., the Soviet Union and West Germany, as well as international bodies like the World Bank and UN agencies, have been invited.

Basque terrorist offensive arouses fears of backlash

MADRID (UPI). — Spanish Prime Minister Leopoldo Calvo Sotelo said yesterday he would introduce new anti-terrorist measures in response to the killing of two army colonels on Thursday and Saturday by Basque separatist guerrillas.

The back-to-back assassinations by hit squads of the ETA (Basque Land and Liberty) separatist group angered the rightist military, which four weeks ago failed to take power in a coup partly prompted by Basque guerrilla attacks.

Acting quickly to avoid a military backlash, Calvo Sotelo held a three-hour emergency meeting yesterday with his ministers of defence, foreign affairs, interior, justice and autonomy.

Defence Minister Alberto Oliart called the joint chiefs of staff to a meeting last night for a briefing on the new crackdown. Oliart issued a statement on Saturday in which he assured Spaniards that "the armed forces will not be provoked by these brutal and bloody acts."

However, political sources said the shooting in Bilbao of Lt. Col. Ramon Romeo three days ago and the killing Saturday in Pamplona of Lt. Col. Jose Luis Prieto had caused "great anger" among top-level officers sympathetic to the coup attempt four weeks ago.

Both victims were shot from behind while leaving mass. Police threw up roadblocks around Madrid, Bilbao and Pamplona and increased patrols along the border with France, but said yesterday they had no trace of the ETA terrorists.

Calvo Sotelo expressed his concern about a possible military backlash after the Basque separatists' new offensive by attacking a memorial mass for Lt. Col. Romeo in Bilbao on Saturday. After the service, Basque government leader Carlos Garaicoechea said that ETA's "blind killing and the separatist feelings among part of the military could combine to destroy all our efforts for democracy and autonomy."

Karachi opposition leaders arrested

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP). — More than 40 opposition party workers, student activists and labour leaders were arrested on the eve of today's planned protest in Karachi against military rule, reliable sources in Pakistan's largest city said yesterday.

Former Sind Province chief minister Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, who was to address an anti-regime meeting at the tomb of Pakistan's founder, Mohammed Ali Jinnah,

was expelled from Karachi and sent by authorities to his home village, about 80 kilometres to the north, they said.

A spokesman for the opposition coalition, known as the Movement for the Restoration of Democracy, said that a rally was also being organised at Lahore today, Pakistan's National Day.

He said that many of the coalition's top leaders were under police detention.

Leftist marchers rampage in Zurich

ZURICH (UPI). — About 6,000 young demonstrators rampaged through this city's downtown banking and shopping district yesterday, smashing the facade of the central railroad station and hurling paint-bombs at the historic city hall building.

The rioting broke out after a peaceful march calling for the reopening of a youth centre closed

recently because of trafficking in heroin and marijuana. The demonstrators also smashed store windows, threw police barricades into the nearby Limmet River and torched some cars. Hundreds were arrested.

The march was organized by the Swiss Communist Party and left-of-centre political parties.

U.S. and Portugal to discuss air base

LISBON (Reuters). — Portuguese Foreign Minister Andre Goncalves Pereira is leaving for Washington this week on a mission to discuss his country's role in American military planning for the Middle East.

Portuguese officials say that at the heart of the discussions will be the use of the strategic U.S. air base in Portugal's mid-Atlantic Azores Islands for ferrying U.S. troops and equipment to trouble spots.

Without the Lajes base, whose lease is coming up for renewal in 1983, the U.S. could not have mounted the emergency air bridge

of urgently-needed military supplies to Israel in the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

The Portuguese foreign minister has declared before his meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Alexander Haig in Washington on Wednesday that "Portugal will not deny help to the United States."

But the Middle East still accounts for 76 per cent of Portugal's oil supplies and Portuguese officials say that there are limits to the assistance the country can give the U.S. in any military venture in the Arab world.

Ford visits China with Reagan message

PEKING (AP). — Former U.S. President Gerald Ford arrived yesterday in China to deliver what he said was a major message from U.S. President Ronald Reagan to China's top leader Deng Xiaoping.

Ford, who visited China during his own presidency in 1975, was to begin his first round of talks yesterday afternoon with Chinese Foreign Minister Huang Hua at the Great Hall of the People.

He is on an 11-nation tour, representing an American oil company and relaying messages from Reagan along the way.

Surrogate mother changes her mind

PASADENA, California (AP). — A woman who agreed to be artificially inseminated and conceive a baby for another couple says she has changed her mind and is now fighting to keep the unborn child in an unprecedented paternity-custody court case.

The outcome could have a significant impact on the future of baby-by-contract firms that seek out surrogate mothers for couples who cannot have a child of their own.

The case opened on Friday before Superior Court Judge Robert Olson who said there is no legal precedent in the matter.

Denise Lucy Thrane, who had volunteered to be a surrogate mother, is expected to give birth any day, her lawyer said.

Thrane, a divorced mother of three from Arcadia, California, was artificially inseminated in June with

sperm from James Noyes of New York, court documents said.

But she later told Noyes she had changed her mind about giving up parental rights to the child that was conceived, according to the Noyes' lawyer, Noel Keane.

Keane, who has been matching couples and surrogate mothers for five years, had arranged the deal. Lawyers for Thrane and the Noyes said she was not paid for her services, although her medical expenses were covered.

YAMANI. — The Saudi Arabian Petroleum Minister, Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, paid a one-day visit to the Sudan on Saturday, the official Saudi press agency said yesterday. It gave no reason for the unannounced visit, which coincided with Sudan's decision to resume diplomatic relations with Egypt.

Sport

Jimmy in form

Post Sports Reporter and Agencies

ROTTERDAM. — Jimmy continued to maintain his form when he blasted his way in the Rotterdam Ga final defeating Gene Maye 6-2, thereby earning Mayer was consoled with.

In Israel, former Wimbledon champion Dik has come to spend two coaching in the tennis of Ramat Hasharon, Jaffa and Shimon. He is a founder of the youngsters in the Shimon Tennis Centre and pour in to the I.T.C.

Ping-pong Pollak

Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's top maestro Dror Pollak capt national championship weekend for the fifth straight sets victory in over Adi Rosenbaum's women's tournament, the major upset, Lea He beating Iris Carmi, winner previous years.

War of the Lotus

ATLANTA (AP). — A brewing in the motor race after the Automobile Co Committee of the U.S. de the radically new dual-ch T-88 Formula One car is rules.

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Soviet clean jerk

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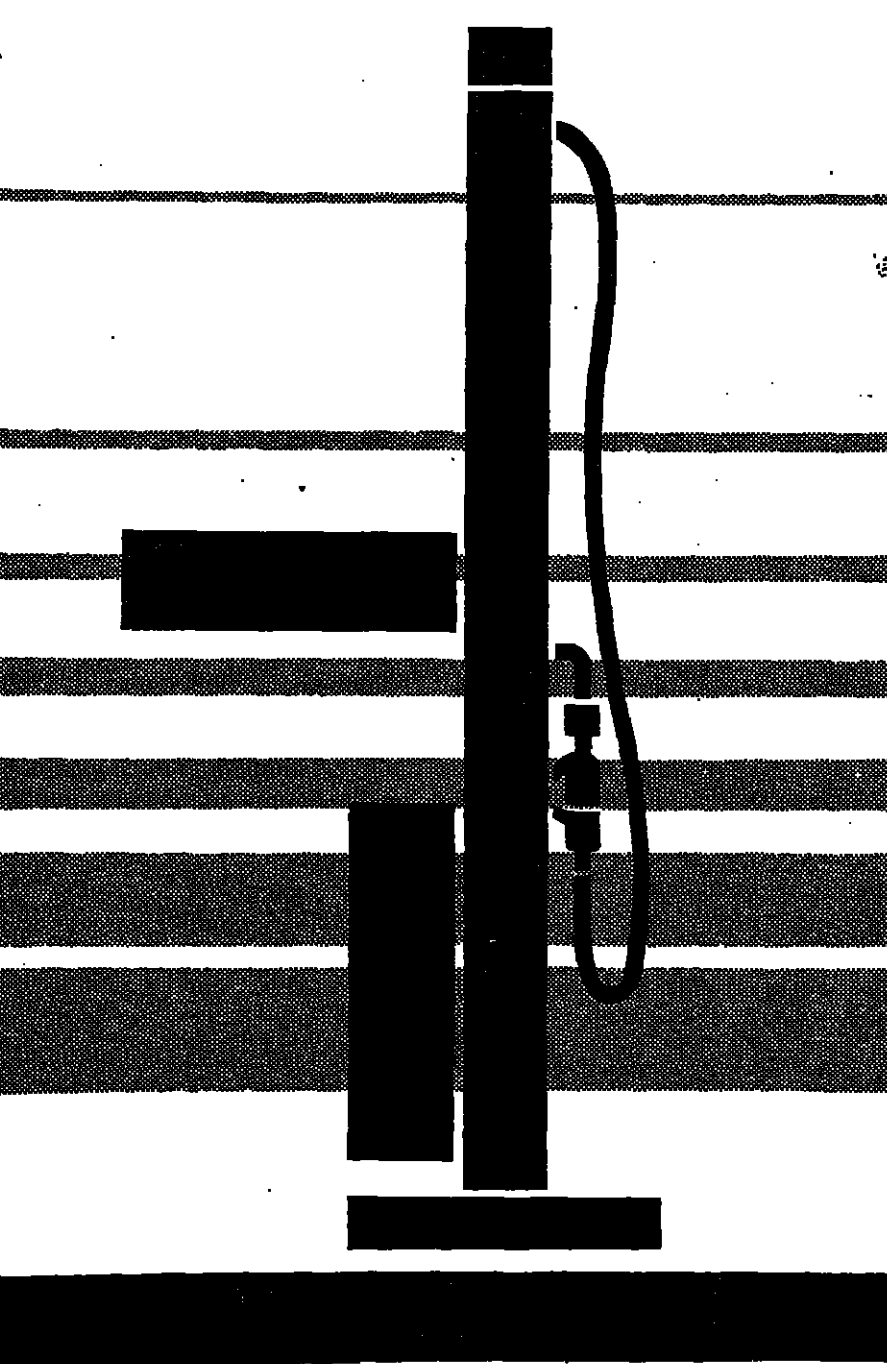
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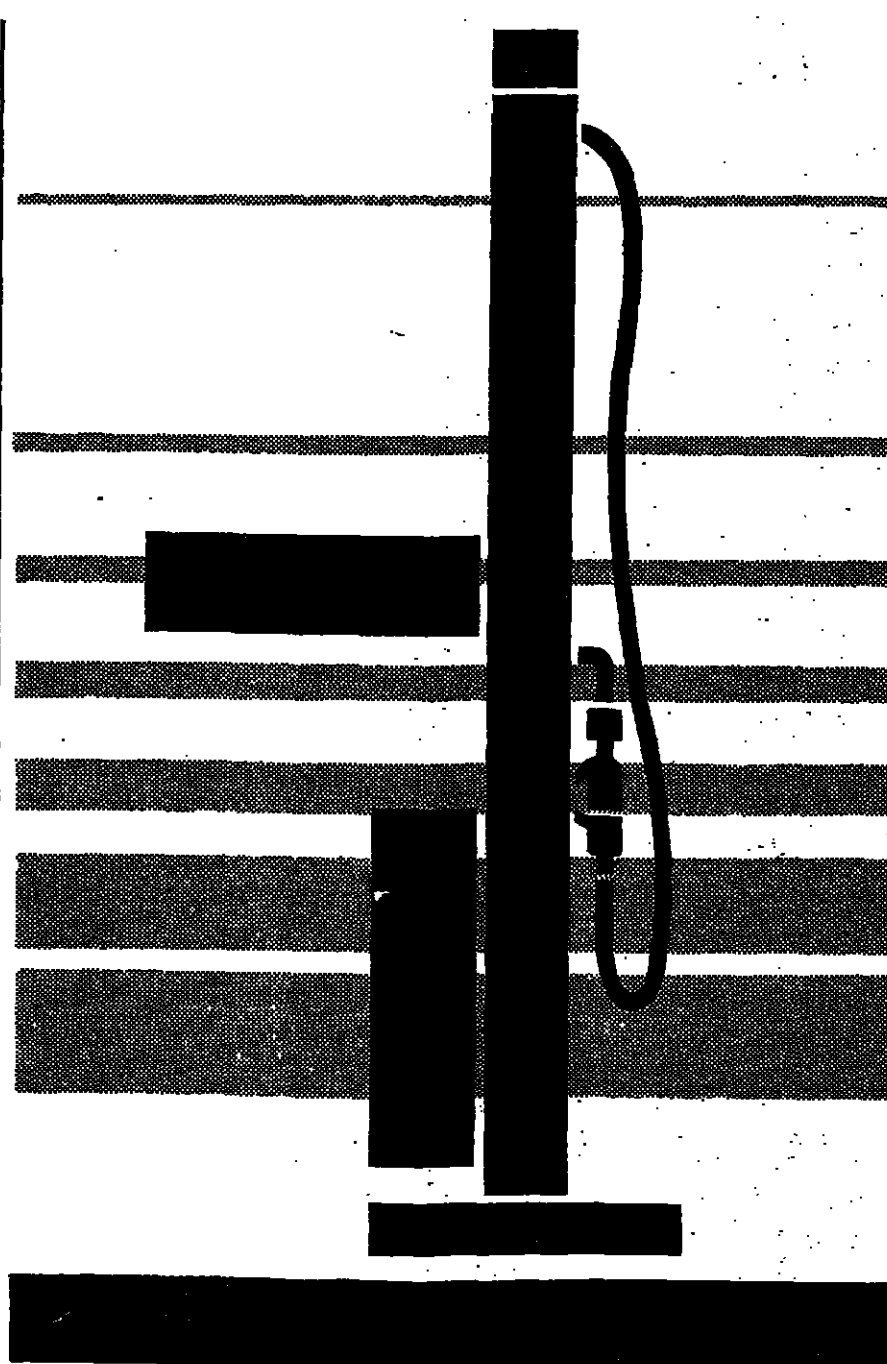
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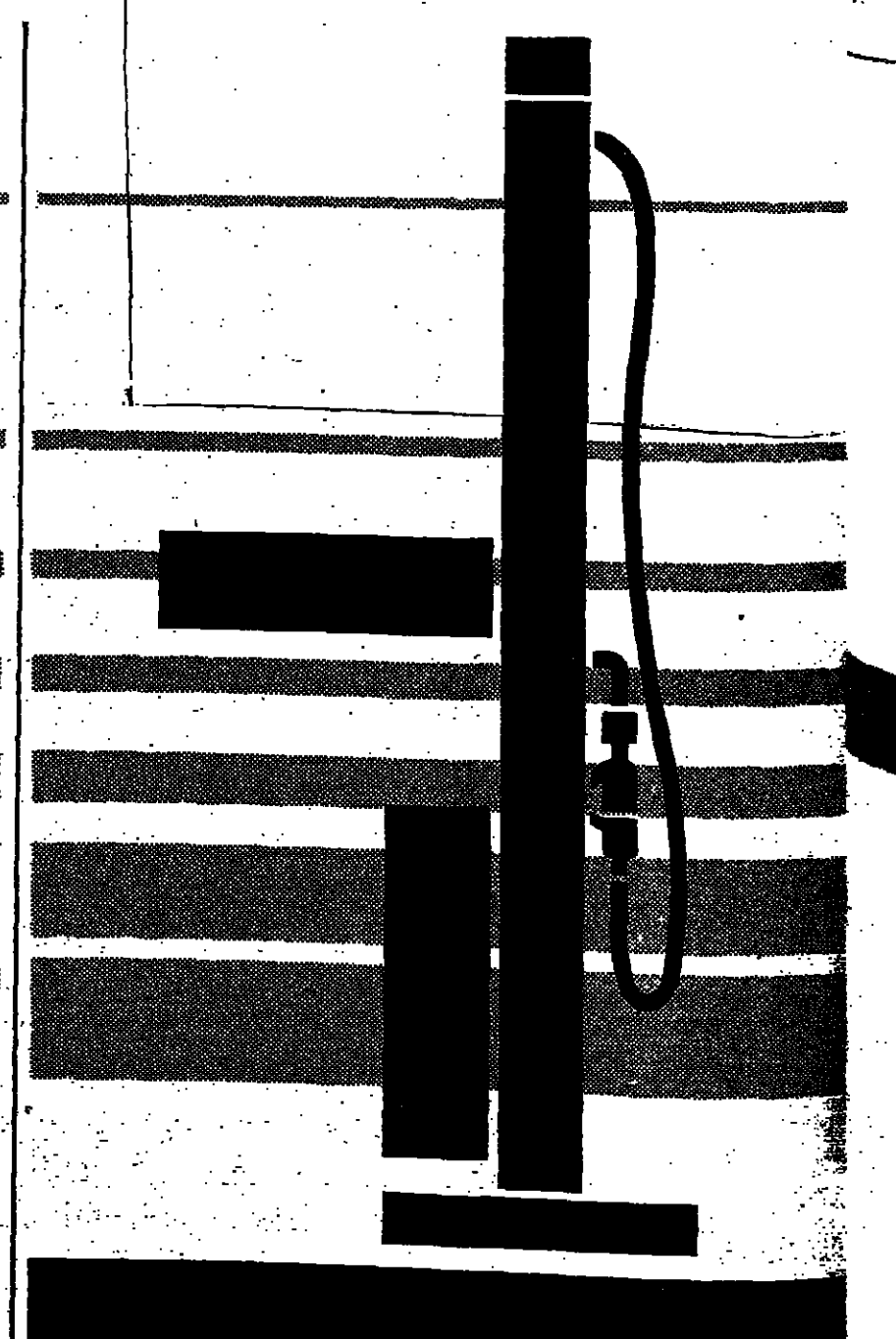
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THE LIFE AND DEATH OF DAVID LEVINE

By PHILIP GILLON/Jerusalem Post Reporter



David and Ann Levine with their 'Moth' in the U.S.

David was the first Jew I had ever met.

"My grandfather married us in a ceremony with crossed swords, the lot. David was strongly anti-religious — he would have married me anywhere I wanted. His mother was upset about the mixed marriage — I think her dream for David was a tall, blonde, Nordic-looking Jewess, instead of which he married a small Baptist brunette who might pass as a Jewess at a pinch. But she got over it after a while, and we all became very good friends. His parents have retired to California now."

AFTER SIX MONTHS, David went off to Vietnam: his father-in-law, the colonel, went, too, although they were not in the same squadron. Ann moved in with her mother, and went back to study. David's first tour lasted 13 months, during which he flew many missions.

When he came back, he was sent to the Naval Test Pilot School. "His dream then was to become the first Jewish astronaut," Ann says. "He sent in an application to NASA. He studied for a year and flew for two, testing planes coming to the Navy Air Corps from the manufacturers."

"Then came the Six Day War, and David suddenly discovered Israel. He went running to the Israel Air Force, begging to be sent to Israel to fly in the Air Force. The attaché said that they needed him more as a test pilot, and arranged for us to come on a trip. We fell in love with Israel, and made up our minds to settle here."

"David sent in a letter of resignation. It was rejected. We enlisted the help of lawyers and congressmen — eventually he got his release, on condition that he did another tour in Vietnam."

While he was in Vietnam, Ann finished her BA in English literature and education, and taught in a high school. She flew for fun — she is also a pilot, although only of very



An informal chat with Ezer Weizman, then defence minister, in November 1979.

light planes. At one time, she and David owned their own Gipsy Moth — "cheaper than a small car in Israel," she says.

"Then I got work in a publishing outfit in San Francisco," she says. "I flew for fun, skied and played tennis until David got back. Then we came to Israel in '70."

"He flew for 18 months for the Air Force, on Skyhawks, while proving his ability as a test pilot for IAI. He flew the first Kfir. I went to ulpan for six months — my Hebrew was much better than David's — and I worked for El Al as a technical editor for two years. After that I taught literature at the Kfar Shmaryahu American School and studied for my master's degree at Bar-Ilan."

IN NOVEMBER, 1970, David had his first crash. He was flying with three other IAI men, testing one of the early prototypes of an Arava. The dead were Avraham Hacohen, IAI's chief test pilot, and test flight engineers Aharon Ozeri and Eitan Spiegel. David was not seriously hurt.

"He managed to jump out in the nick of time," Ann recalls. "It was the first time he had ever had to parachute to safety, but he managed."

Saul adds: "The reason for the accident was that aero-dynamic forces

on the struts caused a bolt to snap. This dismantled the strut from the wing, and resulted in the loss of a wing."

David was not put off flying by the accident. "On the contrary," says Ann, "the fact that his close friends, people whom he'd loved and respected, had died while testing a Jewish and Israeli plane, made him all the more determined to prove that Israel could deliver the goods."

"He had never been hurt in Vietnam. In a way, I think he felt that life had shaped him to do this thing for Israel; that testing Israeli planes was his rendezvous with destiny."

DAVID LEVINE was killed on January 15, 1980, together with Ely Mor, while demonstrating an Arava in Malawi. The provisional finding was that the crash was due to pilot error, but Ann is contesting this decision. Her lawyers made representations recently to the Civil Aviation Authority in Israel.

"In America, there's a Society for Experimental Test Pilots," she says. "They have also opened an investigation."

Her pension and insurance claims were not affected by the question of whether the pilot had been to blame, but she is determined to fight the issue because she thinks that the official view is unfair to

David's memory.

In the meanwhile, her father has retired from the Marines, and works as a management consultant. Her mother works for United Airlines, and Ann has a brother and sister in the U.S. She went back to America, for a few months, but then returned with her two sons, Danny, aged 9, and Adam, aged 5. They live in a very pleasant house in Kiryat Ono. "Some people think I'm crazy to insist on living here," she says, laughing. "I don't. Frankly, I think I've adapted as well as — and even better than — many nice Jewish girls I know here who came from New York. My Hebrew is certainly as good as theirs."

"The boys and I have got hosts of friends. We are never left to feel lonely."

"I've gone back to Bar-Ilan to finish my thesis in English literature. My theme is the widow's voice in Thomas Hardy's poetry. It's a strange thing, but Hardy is the only one of the great writers who really tried to express what it is like to be a bereaved woman. You know how good he is on women generally, he really manages to feel what a widow feels."

"This work is like therapy for me. And I go to Hermon for the skiing. I play plenty of tennis. What more could America give me than Israel does?"

Unholy alliance

By HYAM CORNEY/Post London Correspondent

ONE DISTURBING by-product of the controversy surrounding the twinning is that swastikas have been daubed on the home of a prominent member of the Jewish community, the father of the community's president, Dr. Albert Jacob.

Protests against the twinning are growing as more and more evidence is being produced to show that it was a political move and contrary to all the established rules and accepted procedures for twinning.

Many of the arguments are highlighted in a leaflet produced by BIPAC (British-Israel Public Affairs Committee) entitled "Dundee

and Nablus: A Suitable Case for Twinning?"

This points out that the handbook issued by the joint twinning committee of the British Local Authority Associations clearly states that twinning must be non-political and "a free, independent arrangement between two communities. To have value and continuity, the relationship should not be tied to any other organization or be used to promote any other objectives, however admirable these may be."

TO SHOW how this is being flouted, the leaflet quotes from a

newsletter published by the PLO London office in January which stated that "the twinning has been warmly welcomed in the Arab world as an indication of growing British support for the Palestinian people's cause. Despite the Zionists' protests ... the Palestinian flag is now flying proudly in the Dundee City Council."

The local authority handbook goes on to say that prospective twinning partners should have similar-sized populations and that they should have common interests in the fields of economics and culture. The BIPAC leaflet, however,

points out that while the population of Dundee is around 190,000, the Nablus population numbers only around 60,000. As for similarities of character and occupations, Dundee is a large port city and a busy business and tourist centre, whereas Nablus is an agricultural market town, many kilometres from the nearest coastline. It has only a small industrial sector.

ONE IRATE Dundee councillor has stated that the flying of the PLO flag in the city chamber is "offensive to a section of the community. It is unwise and divisive." Another has expressed anger at becoming involved in "something that does not concern local government. I am now involved with the PLO, who are a terrorist group, whether I like it or not."

Whether he likes it or not, and whether the Jewish community of

Dundee likes it or not, the city is twinned with Nablus and the chances of the decision being reversed are slender.

What is concerning the national Jewish leadership, however, is that Dundee may be but the first of a series of twinnings between British and West Bank towns. Ernie Ross is not the only active and articulate pro-Arab and pro-PLO member of parliament. Nor is Dundee the only place that Shalita visited when he was in Britain last year.

Efforts are being made to alert local authorities throughout the country to what has happened in Dundee so that opponents of such politicization of the otherwise beneficial practice of twinning can prevent "another Dundee."

Twinning is designed to create goodwill. What has happened in Dundee has done just the opposite.

E PICTURESQUE Scottish city Dundee is at the centre of a Middle East political storm following recent decision of its council to 'twin' with Nablus. It is the first Jewish city to have twinned with a Arab town and the PLO flag is now flying in the Dundee Council chamber.

The twinning followed a visit to Dundee last year of Nablus Mayor Sam Shalita, who was the guest of honour at a civic reception given by the Lord Provost of Dundee, councillor James Gowans. The mover behind all this activity believed to be Ernie Ross, Labour MP for Dundee West and one of the outspoken supporters of the Arab cause in the House of Commons.

The suggestion to twin Dundee and Nablus was first made last June, a proposal coming from the

"Trade Union Friends of Palestine," of which Ross was a co-founder. Present at the inaugural meeting of the friends were Shalita and the PLO representative in London, Nabil Ramlawi.

The twinning has not met with universal approval among the 190,000 inhabitants of Dundee. Protests have come not only from representatives of the tiny Jewish community (which numbers not much more than 20 families) but also from non-Jewish residents. The local paper, the Dundee Courier and Advertiser, summed up the feelings of many citizens when it wrote that despite denials, "nothing could be more obvious than the fact that the twinning of Dundee with Nablus is a political move. The district council is acting irresponsibly in getting Dundee mixed up in the highly complex business of Middle East politics."

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AND ONE MORE IN RAMATAYIM
"Ramatayim" - Hod Hasharon Center

WHEN Prime Minister Menachem Begin asked Pastor Charles Chaix, of Sarcelles, near Paris, why he and his wife were working so hard for Israel, the pastor replied, to Begin's amusement: "If Jesus had been Chinese, we would be working for China."

During the Yom Kippur War ceasefire, Chaix distributed, among other gifts, hundreds of transistor radios to wounded soldiers. "But these were always presented by rabbis or other Jewish hands," explained Mme. Chaix when I met the couple recently on their 14th visit to Israel. "It must be perfectly clear that our Christian action hasn't the slightest missionary intent."

The couple had wanted to come during the war: Mme. Chaix is a trained nurse and her husband, whose title denotes that he is a Protestant in contrast to the Catholic "priest," was a physiotherapist before studying for the church. But the Israel Ambassador to France advised against this act of volunteering "for political reasons."

Since then, their aid to Israel, made possible through contributions from concerned French Protestants, has reached impressive proportions. It includes three ambulances, delivered to Magen David Adom and now used in Ashdod, Metulla, and the Upper Galilee settlement of Biranit; and two incubators for premature infants, now in use at the hospital in Safed.

Their fund-raising has practically no administrative overheads: all information leaflets are written and printed by the couple themselves.

The Israeli connection led to a Lebanese connection, and a continuing involvement with Major Sa'ad Haddad's enclave in Southern Lebanon. This began with a visit to the Good Fence, a visit which so impressed them that, unlike thousands of other visitors, they decided to take action.

The plight of the war widows, orphans and wounded now occupies an important part of their fund-raising, and a regular stream of aid is transmitted to Southern Lebanon. The French couple enter the enclave four or five times during each visit to Israel.

Pastor Chaix explains: "We help these Lebanese because they are Christians, and because they are Israel's ally."

He is anxious for Israelis to know something of the story, he told me, "so that Jews should know that not all Christians are indifferent to the sufferings of their brothers."

One powerful exception to the uncaring attitude of the Christian world to the plight of the Lebanese

Friends in France

By HELGA DUDMAN/Jerusalem Post Reporter



Pastor Charles Chaix, wife Georgette with Major Sa'ad Haddad.

Christians, he noted, is the German church organization Caritas. He is, of course, well aware of the "Voice of Hope" operation, but has practically no contact with the American Evangelists, for a vast cultural difference separates them from the Centre Action Evangelique, a group of some 300 French Protestant clergy headed by Chaix to aid persecuted Christians throughout the world.

For one thing, the pastor and his wife, Georgette, can speak directly to their Lebanese "freres" in French. For another, the many snapshots he has taken in Lebanon — rows of black-garbed widows, rows of neatly dressed children against a rocky village background — are reminiscent of nothing so much as vignettes of French villages during the German occupation.

CHARLES CHAIX was born in the village of Chambon-sur-Lignon, whose inhabitants, he said, saved many Jews and paid a high price: the Germans killed many of the villagers, all Protestants. (The name of the pastor is entered in the annals of Yad Vashem.)

His mother used to say, "The Jews are my people, and who hurts them, injures me."

As a young man, after completing his training as a physiotherapist, he was struck by blindness and, according to the doctors, had no chance of recovery.

"After five years of blindness, I suddenly recovered my sight. There was no medical explanation and it certainly seemed a miracle. I decided, then, to devote my life to the service of God."

The great difference between Catholics and Protestants in a country like France may not always be clear to Israelis. Stated in an oversimplified way, it is reflected in the weight given to the Old Testament — studied and emphasized by Protestants — as compared to the New, on which the Catholic Church has built its dogma and tradition.

Put another way, again oversimplified: for Catholics, Jesus was killed by the Jews; for Protestants, Jesus was a Jew. It is safe to say that French anti-Semitism is found among the 97 per cent of its population which is Roman Catholic, but far less so in the 2 per cent of its Protestant population, who are generally not in the country's economic or social elite.

"I BELIEVE the Catholic Church is gradually emerging from its tradi-

tion of anti-Semitism," said Chaix. "But it will be a slow evolution, and will certainly not occur in my generation."

Meanwhile, Jews are certainly worried — "and so are many of us, who feel deeply about the blot on our country during the Holocaust."

Against this background, the Centre Action Evangelique and its Pain aux Hommes (Bread for Man) campaign organizes its various activities. For instance, two days after the attack on the Rue Copernic synagogue in Paris, Chaix handed his friend, Rabbi Williams, who heads it, a cheque to aid the victims and published a moving account of the dangers of "indifference," and of "Christian anti-Semitism."

At quite a different level, a contribution of 35,000 francs was conveyed by the organization to a Jerusalem yeshiva, the personal donation of a Frenchwoman for the rehabilitation of needy families. "And she is merely a teacher, by no means a rich woman," said Chaix.

As a Protestant pastor, he does not wear clerical garb, is not authorized to perform the marriage ceremony, and is himself not only married, but a great admirer of his wife and proud of their partnership.

"I have an exceptional wife," he made a point of saying when she left us briefly to bring some material. "It is only because of her that I can do what I do. It is very true, as the saying goes, that behind every effective man is an intelligent woman."

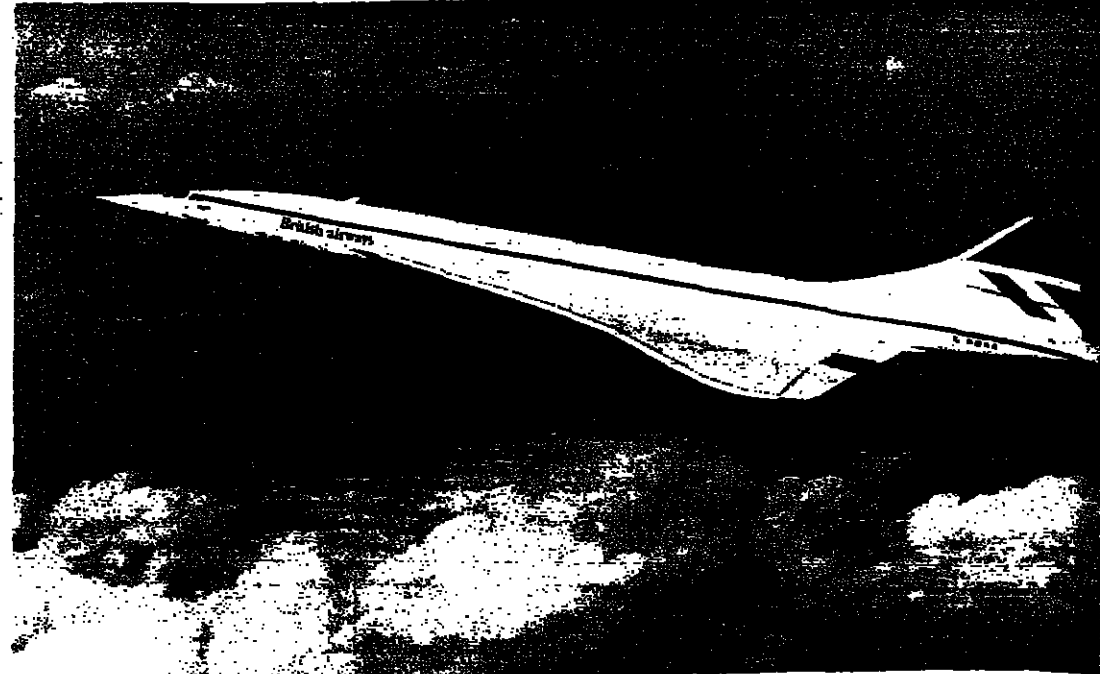
Their relations with Major Haddad are today unusually friendly, based on humanitarian work devoid of political evaluations.

"The first time we met, he was polite but quite distant," said Georgette Chaix. "After all, he has been interviewed and photographed and looked at a great many times. Then, when we produced aid and showed that we intended to continue to do so, that we backed our goodwill with deeds, his attitude changed completely."

The couple's attitude is summed up in the comment to visitors: "Do not remember the Good Fence as a tourist attraction."

Their Israeli friends include President Yitzhak Navon, with whom they had a warm conversation (in French, of course) and Dr. Samuel Mashiah, director of the Safed Hospital, which has been the beneficiary of important donations.

They are full of admiration for the way the Safed Hospital cares for medical cases from Southern Lebanon and have conveyed the story in their fund-raising leaflets. The details may, in fact, be better known in certain circles in Europe than they are in Israel.



An extra 5kg bag of sugar could add \$220 a year to fuel costs.

Every little hurt

By KATHARINE WHITEHORN/London

I AM ENTRANCED to read that the airlines are knocking thousands and thousands of dollars off their fuel bills by cutting down on the weight of everything they carry in a plane. They are going in for thinner carpets, less water, less paint, even flimsier cutlery. It all, apparently, saves vast sums. British Airways reckon that even a 5 kg bag of sugar carried unnecessarily for a year, could add \$220 to the plane's fuel costs.

I imagine they could take it still further. No more heavy gold buttons on the stewards' jackets — indeed, in some brightly coloured thermal underwear they could abandon the uniforms altogether. They could have smaller stewards to start with — only midgets need apply. Those dull explosions to be heard around the champagne country these days are the Moët people experimenting with a plastic champagne bottle; and it's true, even if it may not be gospel, that someone is trying to put helium bubbles in the tonic water instead of carbon dioxide so that they can hold themselves up in the air.

There is scope for lightening, too, in the cockroaches which, it appears, every airplane carries. Once they're into the air conditioning,

you can't get them out without rebuilding the plane, and so they fly around from generation to generation, probably thinking they are in a space capsule on the way to a better life on Mars. Could not a smaller breed of cockroaches be introduced among them, to breed them small?

IT IS UNNERVING to think that such tiny changes can make so much difference. Would it work for the rest of us? If I wore knee socks instead of tights, adopted smaller earrings and half-eye spectacles, would I make, apart from the wise and prematurely aged impression inevitable with half-eyes, a better showing on the scales? Or is it just another annoying example of what they always tell you when you're slimming: don't eat the scrap of raw pastry, don't eat the half-broken biscuit and especially don't run your finger round the child's pudding bowl.

We would all much rather make one or two grand gestures when something has to be reduced, whether it's our weight or the money we spend. Starve for a week, OK. Cut out lunch, go to a health farm — far better than just not eating the last bit of butter on the plate.

And with money, too, I to axe a planned holiday, sack the maid, resolve never to take a taxi, it's snowing, never to buy Martini or have a manicure.

Government departments feel the same way. They rather cut aid to an old ditch a library or cut out a programme than just re-using envelopes, tin phone calls and using the cils — since you're always before you get to the anyway. Yet little things can make the difference; it very depressing.

FOR THE only way you attention to all those piddly is to develop a cheese-titude of mind; and that unattractive. Eat up your bage leaf or put it in the up sugar bags to get the from the folds. Re-use it —ugh, who wants an i that?

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IF EVER there was a time for vegetarians to crow, this is it. First, we are stunned by the disclosure that some of the unsuspecting public have been eating carrion for the past 12 years; next, we are shaken by the sight of chickens being slaughtered in a public square with little semblance to either mercy or hygiene. And more recently we have been cautioned, in an in-depth study on "The Meat We Eat," by Martha Meisels in *The Jerusalem Post*, that, no matter what, pathogenic bacteria may be lurking in any mouthful of meat we swallow.

Considering the many nasty possibilities, it seems a miracle that carnivorous mankind has managed to survive, particularly when one reviews the eating habits of mankind in general: that urgent process of transferring nourishment from somewhere into the body, with or without finesse.

There is an old Russian saying: "A man is not a dog, he will eat anything." A statement substantiated by some of the goodies with which peoples of the earth fill the hollow in their solar plexus — shark, whale, elephant (the trunk being a special delicacy), bear's paw, frogs, snails, worms, mice, raw, sea-urchins, spiders, locusts, caterpillars, lizards, snakes, ants, the saliva excreted by swallows, blood tapped from living animals, puppies, full-grown dogs, cats, horses, donkeys, iguanas, crocodiles, eggs of birds and reptiles and — *pièce de résistance* — fellow man.

During the second half of the last century the French author Pierre

Loti asked a Polynesian chief to describe the taste of human flesh. The obliging old gentleman said that man, roasted, was not unlike bananas "and very yum-yum." More recently we learned from several reliable sources that neither Saudi Arabia's sinister house-guest, Idi Amin, nor ex-buddy of President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, the deposed Emperor Jean Bedel Bokassa, were averse to such yum-yum tit-bits.

"There can be no arguing about taste or smell," said Shlonsky. Be that as it may, our sages seemed aware a long time ago that once the human palate is accepted as the supreme criterion and the appetite freed from all moral or ethical considerations, anything goes.

Taste, after all, is a matter of conditioning. Why snails and oysters and not slugs and earthworms? Why frog's legs and not lizard? Why crab and not tarantula? And why, vegetarians might ask, be revolted at the thought of eating puppies yet relish lamb, veal and bunny-rabbits?

No one questions what men eat during times of famine, yet it is precisely in periods of abundance that the ritual of eating violates the sensibilities. The early Greek Epicurean philosophy that "pleasure was the sole aim of life" was eagerly adopted and carried to a parody of excess by the Romans. Petronius' Feast of Tremalchio describes the type of culinary debauchery indulged in by the indolent jet-setters of Rome.

WHAT OF the Jews of Rome? While Nero was regaling his guests with giant roast boar stuffed with

Memorable mouthfuls

By BETTY MISHEIKER
Special to The Jerusalem Post



blood-sausage, surrounded by plump field-mice baked in honey and sesame seeds, and while the famous gourmet Lucullus was spending millions scouring the world for more exotic fare with which to delight his sophisticated taste-buds, and while — the rather more vulgar — Heliogabalus imported and slaughtered 600 ostriches in order to serve their brains to his guests...while all this was going on, what were the observant Jews of Rome eating?

Well, those Jews who were not being eaten themselves, since many an early Christian fed to the lions was Jewish, those Jews were quietly soaking and salting their cloven-hoofed, ruminating sources of protein, seeing that their poultry belonged to the prescribed species and making sure that their fish had scales. Elementary, basic taboos that must have saved many a Jew from sickness and death considering the utter lack of hygiene then.

The Barbarians put an end to the Roman orgy for a couple of centuries, but evolution grinds away: even at Vandals, Visigoths, Huns, Ostrogoths and Mongols and eventually brought forth a new strain of burger who, instead of killing, burning and looting, began producing philosophers, theologians, scientists, great artists and skilled businessmen who accumulated vast fortunes — and vast fortunes lead straight back to *la dolce vita*

fill volumes. Never has such earnest expertise been devoted to a means of combating famine.

WHEN LOUIS XVI took up his post, he made a gracious gesture to his people by introducing the taking of spectacular meals in public. Three times a week, the common folk were permitted to crowd into the palace, take up positions against the walls and along the staircases and watch Their Majesties and entourage gorging themselves with — to list only part of one of the menus — a succession of soups, meats, sausages, game, ham, smoked tongue, pâté, partridge, pheasant, woodcock, pigeon, turkey, hare, lamb, sweetbreads, pies, lark, thrush, salmon, trout, lobster, pike, carp, crayfish, turtle, blanchmanges, pastries, fruits, creams, preserves, pastilles and sugared almonds.

Describing these public meals in a book entitled *Memoirs*, a certain Madame Campan assures us that, "this spectacle gave happiness to the provincials." I wouldn't be too sure about that. More's the pity Louis XVI did not know the words of Shevilei Olam: "A hungry man is an angry man."

When those hoi-poi provincial went shuffling home from the palace to their bowls of potato and turnip soup, I wonder what they thought. Revolutionary thoughts, I bet.

I doubt whether there were many Jews among the spectators at Louis' feasts. Confined to their ghettos in France, the Jews, perhaps, were acquiring some culinary tricks, too, but limited to their permissible range of edibles, it was undoubtedly a modest, strictly soaked and salted kosher *haute cuisine* for them.

ON THE OTHER SIDE of the globe, the even more refined cuisine of China was rivaling that of France. While floods, famine and epidemics reaped their yearly harvest, banquets given by the noblemen consisted of up to 40 courses, which included special delicacies such as bird's nest — in either soup or stuffing — shark's fin, bear's paw and peacock's tongue. Dog and snake were ordinary, everyday fare.

"A man cannot be too serious about his eating," wrote Confucius. Accordingly, when a nobleman named Chin Sheng-Tan was condemned to death for some misdemeanor in the 17th century, he left the following grave document for his son:

"Decapitation is a gruesome affair, but I am condemned to die that way. Be sure not to forget to eat fried bean curd with fried peanuts. The two give you the taste of the best ham." Indeed, what better advice can a father leave his son? From the scant information that

is known of the Jews of ancient China, they were most particular about *sh'chita* and *kashrut*, notwithstanding the fact that this idiosyncrasy caused their neighbors to look upon them with both suspicion and hostility. For some reason it pleases to know that even a thousand years ago, Chinese Jews refrained from chopping off bear's paws, extracting peacock's tongues or roasting dogs.

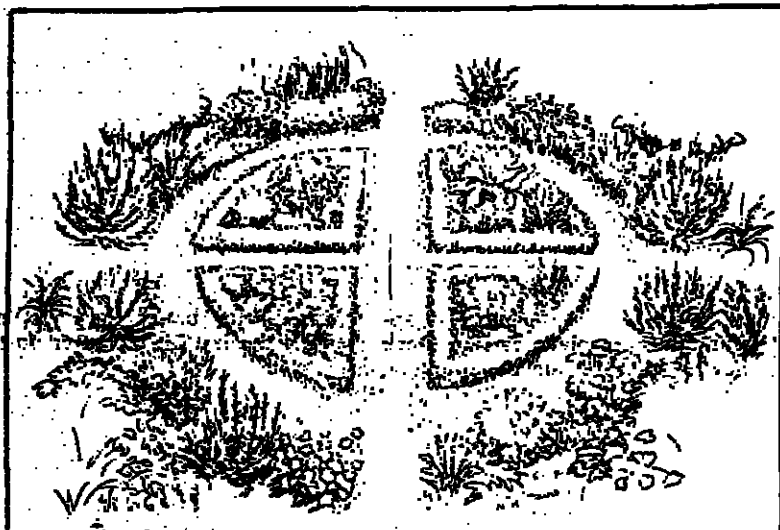
JUDGING by history, there seems to be a connection between gourmets, extravagance and self-indulgence on the one hand and the decline and fall of kingdoms on the other. Culinary excesses foreshadow inevitable decline. Civilization appears to deteriorate when cultural priorities become so confused that man begins to regard his own belly as a privileged and solemn work of art.

Superior methods of *sh'chita* may have developed and additional precautions of hygiene may be necessary, but those ancient restrictions have long served to curb the wolf in the Jewish belly, advocating some finesse, some human dignity and some limits to the indiscriminate maw of humanity.

When you read Isaiah 11:6-7: "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb and the leopard shall lie down with the kid...and the lion shall eat straw like the ox," it could be that not only a day of peace and no war was hoped for, but also a time when man might look back upon his flesh-eating ancestors with a horror equal to that with which we regard cannibalism.

SPRING AGAIN

GARDENER'S CORNER/Walter Frankl



Example of well-designed herb garden.

There are other, no less important "players." The birds and bees and butterflies, all enjoy the symphony and want their share of pleasure like us.

In pools and ponds floating concentrations of tadpole eggs signal that the winter hibernation is over.

In the woods in nature preserves, March sees squirrels and hares leaving their winter hide-outs to search for food and to mate. All this should make us understand the expression "mad as a March hare," a creature who appears in Lewis Carroll's *Alice in Wonderland*. There is no greater wonderland than nature.

Roses sprout in dark red now at their pruning points. With more sunshine, more chlorophyll will be produced in the leaf cells, and rose foliage will gradually change to green. It is during the short period of reddish leaf colour that you will be able to detect, relatively easily, any damaging green aphids at the tops of bushes. Spray at the first sign of suckers, or even better, spray prophylactically.

If your roses are exposed to wind, provide them with strong stakes. Newly planted roses will be happy with the organic food you mixed into the soil of the planting hole, but all older rose bushes should be fed every two to three weeks. Ready "20-20-20" fertilizer, superphosphate, bone-meal, guano, nutri-col and ordinary compost are the most common nutrients.

House plants. March is the best time to propagate rubber trees (*Ficus elastica*) by leaf cuttings. Use a sharp knife to remove a ficus leaf with a piece of stem 10-12 cm. long. Insert it into a glass filled with lukewarm tap water. When roots, looking like thin white hairs, appear, plant in a pot with a diameter of 15 cm. It should contain a mixture of 2 parts red soil; 1 part sand or vermiculite; and 1 part peat (*karvol* in Hebrew).

The cutting may go directly into the flower pot, but then dip the stem first into a hormone rooting powder.

It's an ideal time now to sow in flats the seed of *Begonia semperflorens*. Cover at night and during bad weather. Transplant the seedlings later into small (10 cm. diameter) pots. They will bloom in summer and autumn in pink, red or white.

The following foliage plants, if propagated now, will provide greenery, and may even substitute for flower arrangements, during the more or less flowerless period in winter. The quickest and easiest method of propagating each is given in parentheses: *Aspidistra elatior* or iron plant, *magent* in Hebrew (division); *Asparagus sprengeri* or *asparag sprenger* in Hebrew (division); *Hedera helix* or English ivy, *kissus hahoreh* in Hebrew (cuttings); *Ruscus aculeatus* or hypoglossum or *esboni* in Hebrew (division).

Lawns. You will be needing your mower soon so clean and oil it. Weeds awaken earlier and grow quicker than lawn grass. They can easily be spotted by their darker colour and variant leaf forms. Use a dibble or a sharp knife to remove them totally with their roots. Finger-thick holes and shallow tunnels on the ground surface indicate mole-crickets. Use safsan (poisoned grains) to get rid of this lawn pest. Now is the time to give your lawn a light dressing with sulphate of ammonia. Water afterwards for 5-10 minutes with a sprinkler.

Flowers. Continue to plant bulbs (corms) for summer flowering. All of the following corms are available at larger garden centres and seed shops. They grow best in light or medium soil with an average pH of 5 (acidic). Some of them, like gloxinia and tuberous begonia are most sensitive to moisture and should be carefully watered from below: *Acidanthera* (*hadud-afkan* in Hebrew); *Dahlia pinnata* (*dahlia menusa*); *Canna indica* (*canna hodi*); *Dicentra exima* (*bleeding heart*, no name in Hebrew); *Gladiolus* (*safran*); *Hippeastrum* (*amarillys* in English and Hebrew); all kinds of lily, except the Madonna lily (*Lilium candidum* or *shoshan* in Hebrew); *Sinningia* or *Gloxinia speciosa* (*siningiya na'a*); tuberous begonia or *Begonia tuberosa* (*begonia welon*).

All of the above may be grown in containers and will give satisfying results in light shade. There is still time in hilly regions to sow tropaeolum (*nasturtium*) and lupine (*Lupinus pilosus*). The former in Hebrew is *kova nazir*, the latter *urmus he-harin*. These two grow in heavy or medium soil; in fact, both grow well in the poorest soil without any fertilizers and may be sown directly where you want their blooms. *Nasturtium* looks nice in balcony containers and hanging baskets, while lupine, reaching a

height of 40-50 cm., makes a good border flower. Both plants are also fine cut flowers and when cut will bloom a second time. Both have additional advantages. Put nasturtium among rose bushes, where they will repel aphids. Lupine enriches the soil with nitrogen stopped in its roots.

Grapes. March is the month for planting bare-rooted, grafted grape vines. Consult your nurseryman about the advantages of the many species available. Plant grapes as you did roses — in a hole about 70 cm. deep and wide, half-filled with cow manure or compost.

Grapes need full sun, frequent cultivation, occasional spraying against rust and insects and regular watering in summer. They do well

when planted near a fence, wall or pergola or as a permanent decoration over an entrance arch.

Vegetables. Set out tomatoes, peppers and eggplants when the average temperature is not less than 12°C. Cultivate potatoes planted in February. Lift the surface soil carefully around tender foliage and remove all weeds. The best tool for this job is a light hoe (two-teeth cultivator).

Sow in rows 2-3 cm. deep and 20 cm. apart (thinning later) the following: carrots, kohlrabi, lettuce, radishes. Set out onion bulbets for green or white onions. Peas may be sown until the end of March in rows 4-5 cm. deep and 30 cm. apart. Thin after germination to 5-6 cm. between plants.

Herbs may be sown now in flats with a minimum depth of 6 cm. or in wooden boxes or tins with proper drainage. Herbs, of course, may be grown in the garden or in a corner of their own with sun. Sow sparingly in rows or spread about. Plant in light sandy soil. Water with a watering can only. Here is a list of common kitchen herbs: anise (*cannon* in Hebrew), basil (*reihan*), borage (*borag*), chives (*irit*), coriander (*gad* or *kusbar*), dill (*shevet* or *shamir*), fennel (*shumari*), garden cress (*rashad*), melissa (*melissa*), parsley (*petroselin* or popularly, *petrostilla*), sage (*marva*), thyme (*korant*).

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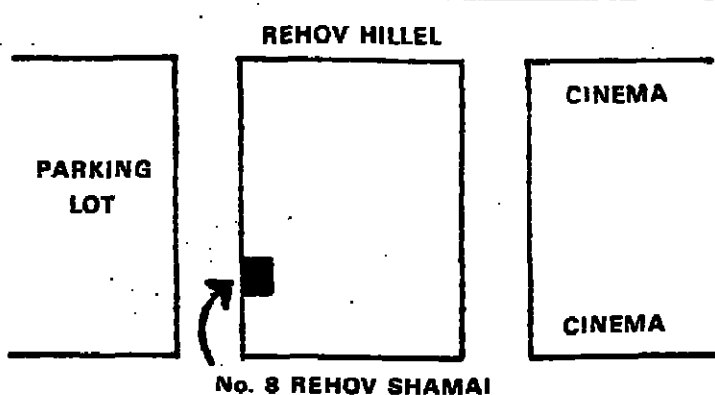
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WEST BANK VIEWS ON LABOUR

By DAVID RICHARDSON/Jerusalem Post Reporter

DESPITE GENERAL protestations of indifference to the outcome of Israel's impending general election, many West Bankers at least hope that a Labour administration will mean a more relaxed atmosphere in the area and a relaxation of what they all refer to as "the iron fist" policy imposed 10 months ago after a brief spell of political outspokenness and independence.

But opinions range from flat denigration to cautious optimism on the long-term prospects of what a Labour government can offer in terms of movement towards a solution of the Palestinian problem.

There is also a certain degree of anxiety that such movement might mean a period of difficult choices, particularly for local Palestinians and a threat to the tenuous unity they currently enjoy.

"I would accept the consensus of the media that the Labour Party is likely to form the next government," said Ibrahim Dakkak, general-secretary of the West Bank Engineers Union. "But," he added wryly, "I certainly have no say in the matter."

Akram Haniya, editor of the pro-PLO East Jerusalem daily *a-Shaab* observes that "for Palestinians there is no 'nice guy' among the Israeli establishment."

Dakkak, a leading member of the National Guidance Committee whose activities have been severely restricted by the military government, sees no reason to expect any real change from a Labour government.

"There may be some changes in tactics, but not in strategy. To date we have not seen much of a change in the party's programme, and it ap-

pears that they will resume their previous policies, which are based on a denial of the basic rights of the Palestinians."

One of the most eloquent spokesmen for radical opinion in the area, Dakkak reflects the line taken by the PLO mainstream. Dr. Issam Sartawi, of the Palestine National Council, often mentioned as a moderate intellectual within the PLO, said at a press conference in London earlier this year that the Labour Party plan was aimed primarily at liquidating the PLO, which, in his opinion, was tantamount to the "genocide of the Palestinians."

ONE OF THE MAIN items on the agenda of the 15th Congress of the Palestine National Council, due to be held in Damascus next month, is the possibility that the "Jordanian option" might be revived by a Labour government.

The record of previous Labour governments over the territories provides no particular source of encouragement for Dakkak. As he sees it, a new Labour government will also eventually resort to the stringent enforcement of law and order because circumstances have changed while their policies have not.

"I don't think their policies grow out of a void," he says. "Their programme remains avoiding recognition of the PLO and opposition to a Palestinian state. It does not contain a glimmer of hope for

us, so why should we care?"

But Bethlehem Mayor Elias Freij, probably the leading moderate with any backing on the West Bank, sees room for a distinction between the platform "which has to satisfy public opinion" and the real policy, "which will be more pragmatic."

Nevertheless, the mayor does have serious reservations about Labour, particularly its endorsement of the "Jordanian option."

"Neither the Palestinians nor the Jordanians support it in the form proposed by the Labour Party. The immediate reaction from Jordan has been an emphatic rejection and a reaffirmation of support for the PLO — and I trust they mean what they say," says Freij, who is known for his close links with Amman.

In "trusting that they mean what they say," Freij is touching on the Jordanians — and perhaps his own — necessity for at least outwardly endorsing the "PLO option" irrespective of their own views of the final nature of a settlement. But it seems now that Freij himself is reconciled to the extent of support for the PLO in the West Bank.

Freij insists that an autonomy plan for the area cannot be for the "inhabitants only," as Israel has so far insisted: "That is absolutely unacceptable," he says flatly.

FOR MOST West Bankers, the real



Elias Freij...serious reservations. (Lobell)

test of the intentions and quality of a Labour government will be its handling of the settlements and land issue.

There is a willingness among some to understand, though by no means to accept, the internal political difficulties that settlements pose for an Israeli government. Others are quick to point out that it was Labour that initiated the settlements, tolerated Gush Emunim and carried out more expulsions and demolitions of homes than has the Likud.

Reinforcement was supplied by Deputy Defence Minister Mordechai Zipori's release of statistics in the Knesset earlier this month to prove his contention that Labour's rule of the territories was harsher than the Likud's.

"The basic settlement issue is common," says Dakkak. "For Labour it is a geographic and demographic problem — choosing between Nablus and the Jordan Valley. But we feel that we are being deprived of our rights in both localities."

Many people look forward to a relaxation of the restrictions on daily life they feel have been imposed by the military government. Some add that such an improvement could precipitate a re-establishment of trust between themselves and Israel.

But others take a much gloomier view. Rajah Shehadeh, an intense young lawyer from Ramallah whose family runs one of the most prominent practices in the West Bank, says that "despondency is widespread and restrictions are so bad that any changes may make it appear that Labour is doing something. But these are insignificant and, at best, a delusion, diverting attention from the potential tragedy of the settlements."

Shehadeh, in fact, believes he is better off with the Likud, despite its strong ideological bias against him as a Palestinian: "I feel more secure with the Likud since they are less sophisticated. Labour will do the same thing but dress it up better, they are more professional. With the Likud, I know exactly where I stand."

Haniya, a large young man who has been restricted to Ramallah because of his activities as a journalist, concurs. The Labour Party, he believes, could be more dangerous than the Likud for the Palestinians because it might "Vietnamize the conflict."

"The occupation might become disguised in the wake of the Dayan plan and Labour's ability to sell it abroad. The conflict would then be among the Palestinians themselves and among the Arabs," he said.

WHILE FREIJ feels that the actions of the military government will

depend on the "events of the day" he is encouraged by the possibility that Haim Bar-Lev might be next defence minister and, consequently, the man in charge of territories.

"I believe it will be easier to contact him. I think he was more interested in a relationship with the people of the West Bank to restore some kind of dialogue."

In fact, many West Bankers among the most radical, revere Labour defence ministers — particularly Moshe Dayan — a far more personal interest in the territories than their Likud successors Ezer Weizman and Meir Begin.

It is in the rekindling of interest and the establishment of some form of dialogue that the promise of a solution to the Palestinian problem.

"We are waiting for some gesture, such as recognition of the right of self-determination, Haniya. That would be as good as a faith and would restore trust."

Freij is prepared to go further: "We (the local Palestinians) recognize the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and we are perfect position to play the middlemen between two who are, as yet, unable to each other and arrange a settlement."

But the consensus is that Israeli government, Lab otherwise, which ultimately the key to persuading the occupation and its leaders to a role they are well aware is with danger and, perhaps, decisions.

Legalizing witch-doctors

By STEPHEN TAYLOR/Salisbury

FOUR MONTHS AGO, a thin, demented man was found naked and chained to a tree about 100 kilometres north-east of Salisbury. He showed violence to anyone who approached, and local people told inquirers that he had been possessed by an evil spirit 10 years earlier and had been shackled to the tree ever since to prevent him attacking others.

The case of News Horufu attracted the attention of Mrs. Jelly Chari, one of Zimbabwe's 30,000 traditional healers, also known as witch-doctors, and after being sedated with a herbal preparation Horufu was brought to her clinic in Salisbury.

Last week, a shambling but smiling Horufu left the clinic to return to his home village. He said he was looking forward to rejoining his parents and helping with the ploughing. "There is no need to chain me any more," he said.

Three days earlier, Zimbabwe Health Minister Dr. Herbert Ushewokunze, announced that he would soon be introducing a bill in parliament which, for the first time, would grant official recognition to the role of traditional healers.

The bill would provide for a

governing council which would draw up rules and enforce professional discipline, he said.

Such a step would end attempts by successive governments over 80 years to stop the activities of traditional healers, attempts which have ranged from harassment to outright persecution.

A powerful belief in the existence of evil spirits, and the ability of traditional healers to exorcise them, remains rooted in Zimbabwe society, particularly in the rural areas.

In the past four months, more than 40 people have passed through the country's courts accused of killing people they believed to be possessed by spirits.

While ailments of the spirit are their primary concern, traditional healers also treat physical illnesses, using herbal remedies and potions prepared from animal hide and horn. Conventional medical treatment is free at clinics in the countryside, but many villagers prefer to take their aches and pains to the local *nganga*.

THE COMMON image of the witch-doctor as a somewhat fearsome figure girded about with teeth, bones and leopardskin, has little in

common with reality — at least in Mrs. Chari's case. She is a woman of serene appearance who wears Western dress, sensible shoes and walks with a stick. Her only concession to tradition is a feather headdress.

To cure Horufu, she tried to find out the identity of the spirit which she believed had taken over his body. And having done so, she "negotiated" with the spirit for its departure.

Professor Gordon Chavunduka, a sociologist at the University of Zimbabwe who has researched traditional healing, says: "Many countries have rejected the idea of traditional medicine. Here we are looking at it objectively and, although a lot of it may be nonsense, there are some elements that are extremely valuable."

He points specifically to mental illness and cases such as that of Horufu. "Belief in the validity of a remedy is as important in our culture as it is in any other. In the West, you have your pills."

"Whatever the reason, traditional healers are far more effective in treating mental illness in our society than are psychiatrists."

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"PARENTAL KIDNAPPING" is on the increase in the U.S. There are now between 100,000 and 200,000 cases a year where one parent simply takes off with the kids and disappears — sometimes forever.

No one can be sure of the exact number. Many cases go unreported and others remain unrecorded because of the lingering feeling among officials that the law should stay out of domestic squabbles.

When Robin Reiss was 25, she realized her marriage to her husband Gerry was breaking down. They were transplanted New Yorkers, living in Ohio. Gerry couldn't seem to keep a job, the couple had been living on what Robin could make as a tax statistician, and when she became pregnant Gerry was furious because Robin wouldn't have an abortion.

Two and a half years after Kevin was born, the couple went to court to get a separation order. Robin was awarded temporary custody and given permission to return to New York.

One weekend, after Robin had finished lunch in a Brooklyn restaurant with Kevin and her parents, the family, still chatting, walked outside on to the pavement. Two men suddenly emerged from nowhere, squirted riot gas in the faces of the adults, punched Robin's father, grabbed the little boy and disappeared with him in a waiting car.

That was five years ago, and Robin has seen her son only once since then. "Four months after he was snatched, my husband showed up for a custody hearing in Chicago with Kevin. I had 10 minutes with him."

"By the time the judge had awarded me custody, Gerry had taken Kevin away. He was ordered by the court to hand Kevin over to me but he never did. His attorney claimed my husband had no forwarding address and could not be contacted."

ROBIN REISS'S hopes of ever seeing Kevin again become a little more shadowy every year, but they are nourished by incredible stories of children being found decades after their disappearance. In one

Baby-snatching syndrome

BY ANTHEA DISNEY/New York

case, a wealthy orthopedic surgeon from New York took off with his three young daughters before custody could be decided.

He left behind not just his affluent home and lifestyle but his successful practice and a place in society that he, apparently, had valued highly. Ten years later, the surgeon was found in Arizona, working as a short-order cook in a diner, living with his now-teenaged daughters in a shabby little apartment. For that family, the ultimate sadness was that it was too late for the girls to return to their mother and what had been their home.

When a child is snatched, police will file a missing-persons report and then bow out of what they feel is a domestic dispute. Add to this the difficulties of tracking a parent and child over thousands of kilometres, through many states, each of which has its own set of laws and little respect for court orders from other jurisdictions, and the size of the problem begins to emerge.

Just before the end of his term as president, Jimmy Carter signed into law the first piece of federal legislation to deter child-snatching. From July 1 this year, states will be required for the first time to give "full faith and credit" to other states' custody orders.

In the 31 states where child-snatching is considered a felony, a judge will be able to get the FBI on the case. Until now, the FBI has resisted responsibility, saying it's business is not baby hunting.

Finally, a computerized federal network, known as the Parent Locator Service, originally set up to trace those accused of non-payment of child support, will be made available to help trace parental kidnappers.

CARTER'S LAW is giving renewed hope to thousands of desperate parents who plan to start searching again after July 1.

Rae Gummel, who, with her husband Arnold Miller, began a Washington-based clearing house for information on grabbed children after his first wife disappeared one day with their son Mason, has 6,000 cases on her files.

"It's a very depressing business. I have to tell these people that fewer than 10 per cent of snatched children are ever found. And of those, 70 per cent are located in the first six or seven months. The motive is always to control or punish the other parent. It's never because the kidnapping parent loves the child so much."

"That's why there are so many horror stories of children being injured when they're grabbed. I've even heard of a couple who were killed."

It took five years and \$40,000 before Rae Gummel and Arnold Miller finally found his ex-wife and son in a religious community in Atlanta. Mason was nine years old

by then and the judge who had case told Arnold, "It's your dam," and awarded the custody.

Rae says her husband occasionally allowed to speak on over the phone. "As his wife feels she has kept him from Mason, she's won view."

One of the decisions that parents must make is whether to take the slow, legal route, courts, or whether to go to investigator and organize a back.

Joe Brandine is a class eye with a heavy sentiment and has specialized in down such children for th years.

"In 70 to 80 per cent of the father who grabs the kids are usually between six years old. A lot of fathers gladly hand the child back only done it to spite their but they're too proud. The pawn," he says.

"When I get the kids, minimize the trauma. I try to do Joe. I keep in touch with all, send them birthday car year."

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SENATOR PERCY'S VIEWS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — In view of recent newspaper reports (including in The Jerusalem Post) about my conversations in Moscow last December, I thought you would like to know in more detail what actually happened, since the leaks of a few sentences to the press didn't convey my views in context. The State and Justice departments have since been directed to investigate to determine who leaked the information from the secret cables. I had gone to Moscow primarily to test the waters and determine whether the Soviet leadership shared President-elect Reagan's desire to open discussions on arms control at a very early date. It was only on this subject that I conveyed my thoughts of the President-elect. My report on the Soviet willingness to discuss arms control with representatives of the President-elect was confirmed by Thomas Watson, Jr., the U.S. ambassador in Moscow, who participated in the meetings.

As regards my four-hour meeting with Foreign Minister Gromyko, our conversation covered an array of subjects dealing with Soviet behaviour around the world and problems in the bilateral U.S.-S.S.R. relationship. On the Middle East, I expressed my personal view that there would be no enduring peace in the area unless the problem of the Palestinians was fairly resolved. I stated that I envisioned a Palestine on the West Bank and in Gaza which would be governed by its own elected officials — Arafat or someone else — but only in federation with Jordan and if it would be demilitarized for at least 25 years until the Palestinians had demonstrated that they would live in peace and not be a threat to anyone. I said explicitly that I was not talking about an armed, aggressive PLO state. If Arafat were elected, he would realize his wish to be a "chief of state" but, as I said, only on condition that the territory would be demilitarized for at least 25 years and would be federated with Jordan. King Hussein is the only Arab leader who has waged

war on the PLO, and he drove them out of Jordan. My goal is peace, prosperity and stability for Israel which I believe can only be assured after the Palestinian issue is resolved. The scenario I have outlined is not a fixed view. It is one option. I reserve the right to adopt other options at any time, based on my own judgment and taking into consideration your views and the views of others. For example, I do strongly favour continuation of the Camp David process and the autonomy negotiations. And I am very interested in the new approaches being considered by prominent members of the Israeli Labour Party who are suggesting that areas of the West Bank be ceded to Jordan while retaining certain areas under Israeli security control.

My thoughts on these matters are not new. I said in Beirut in January 1975 — and my statements were printed on the front pages of the Lebanese press — "Certain positive conditions must be met, for I personally would not accept a Palestinian state if it imposed another threat in the Middle East and refused to recognize Israel."

The Chicago Daily News reported from Beirut my statement that "the Palestinians must recognize that Israel is here to stay."

The bottom line for a United States Senator's support for Israel is whether he supports massive essential economic and military assistance for Israel. I always have, I do now, and I intend to continue doing so. You may recall that last September, when the Senate was considering an amendment to reduce economic aid to Israel by \$100m. as a protest against Israeli raids into Lebanon, Senator Javits and I took the floor to argue against cutting the aid. We prevailed. I want to assure you, despite differences we may have about a solution to the Arab-Israeli dispute, that I remain committed and dedicated to the survival, security and well being of the State and people of Israel.

CHARLES H. PERCY, United States Senator, Washington, D.C.

THE RELEASE OF MENDELEVICH

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — In response to Leon Adar's recent article on the release of Yosef Mendelevich, some comments are in order. In an enterprise of this kind, there are different views. Private individuals, public officials, Jewish and non-Jewish organizations, all have a place in what key turns the door. We are, after all, dealing with the Soviet Union, a major power functioning under a cloud of secrecy. It would be misleading to suggest that there is a "war between Jews"

or severe "disagreement" among the various parties. While we believe that the ultimate release of Mendelevich was the result of a community of efforts, it was certainly capped by the most recent interventions of Mr. Edgar Bronfman and the World Jewish Congress.

In any event, the real issue should be Mendelevich's arrival in Israel, and the other Jewish Prisoners of Conscience who are still suffering in labour camps and prisons. Hundreds of Refuseniks still await, often subjected to harassment, and

HALACHA

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — In response to Emanuel Rackman's intemperate critique of my review of Professor Falk's recent book (March 15) may I state that I stand by my statement "that the historical approach to the Halacha is anathema to such Orthodox Halachists as Rabbi Joseph B. Soloveitchik." Far from being "palpably absurd," the statement is repeatedly borne out in the latter's famous essay "The Man of Halacha." In it, the author clearly presents his conception of the Halacha as "a set of fixed, a priori rules and norms" ("Ish Hahalacha," p.64 in Dr. Pinhas Pelli's collection of Rabbi Soloveitchik's writings) and that the "Man of Halacha is unconcerned by the gap between the Law and life" (ibid. p.74).

Repeatedly, in the essay mentioned, Soloveitchik compares Halachic norms to mathematical formulations in that neither derive from or are influenced by changing social or moral circumstance. Indeed — the incident is reported in one of the issues of the quarterly Tradition — Emanuel Rackman himself was sharply upbraided publicly by his mentor for arguing for a historical approach to the halacha. Apparently, "what even fools know" is stoutly rejected by Orthodox Halachists.

THEODORE FRIEDMAN, Jerusalem.

THE SHEKEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Six months have elapsed since the shekel was introduced as the new Israeli currency. This would seem to be a sufficient lapse of time in order to assess the influence of this measure on the national economy and the spending habits of the population.

I think the public is entitled to some enlightenment as to whether the introduction of the shekel has proved to be: beneficial, harmful or altogether superfluous.

I wonder who would provide an objective answer to the question. J. PRATO, Jerusalem.

Altogether superfluous: — Economic Editor — J.P.

anti-Semitic propaganda continues. The situation of Jews in the USSR demands constant attention, but not contention.

JERRY GOODMAN, Executive Director, National Conference on Soviet Jewry, New York.

PENFRIENDS MARY GRIFFITH (20), of 210 Buckland Road, Nundah 4012, Brisbane QLD, Australia, would like to have penfriends of her age. She is interested in sports, travelling and cooking.

CINEMAS

JERUSALEM 4, 7, 9
Eden: McVicar; Edison: Dada; Hahinukh: North; Kfir: Love Story; Mitchell: Le Derrier Metro 6.30, 9; Orion: The Onion Field 4, 6.45, 9; Orion: The Shining 4, 6.30, 9; Ron: Hot Bubblegum; Sema: A Very Moral Night 7, 9.15; Shapira: Ha'mama: Hopscotch 7, 9.15; The Romantic Englishwoman 7, 9; Seven Beauties 9.15; Israel Museum: Let the Balloon Fly 3.30, Cinema: Hole in the Moon 7; Citizen Kane 9.30.

TEL AVIV 4.30, 7.15, 9.30
Alhambra: Super Snooper; Ben-Yehuda: Seize Like Old Times; Cinema: Joe the Busby; Cinema: Gloria; Cinema: Two: Brubaker 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; Dekel: The Competition 7, 9.30; Drive-In: 10 (Ten) 7.30, 9.30; Esther: The Shining 4.15, 7.30, 9.30; Gatz: Circle of Two; Gerdas: Kaganova 6, 9; Hot: Hopscotch; Limer: Nude Bomb; Max: Rocky Horror Picture Show; Mogra: 9 to 5; Orly: Kentucky Fried Movie; Paris: The Helmses 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; Peer: Private Benjamin; Ramat Gan: American Gigolo 7.15, 9.30; Shalom: Hot Bubblegum; Shalom: It's My Turn; Tekelet: Elephant Man; Tel Aviv: Black Oak Conspiracy; Tel Aviv Museum: Confidence 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; Romeo and Juliet, Thur, 10.30 a.m.; 14 Americans, Tues, 9; Zalon: Last Metro 6.45, 9.30.

HAIFA 4, 6.45, 9
Amphitheatre: California Dreaming; Amos: Jo; Atzma: Seize Like Old Times; Cinema: Airport 80 — The Concorde; Cinema: The Octagon 10.2, 7; Power Play 12, 4, 9; Keren: Or Great Santini 4, 6.30, 9; Moshai: Brubaker 6.30, 9; Orion: Hopscotch 6.45, 9; Orion: The Sexy Cat, 6 nonstop; Orly: Dressed to Kill 6.45, 9; Peer: Elephant Man 4, 6.30, 9; Ron: Hot Bubblegum; Shalom: The Shining

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Amos: Flying High 4, 7, 9.30; Orion: Circle of Two 7.15, 9.30; 101 Dalmatians 4; Orion: Hot Bubblegum 7.15, 9.30; Ramat Gan: Brubaker 7, 9.30

HERZLIVA
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Context

'Land without anti-Semites'

JEWISH SCENE/Geoffrey Wigoder

LITTLE IS HEARD these days of the Jews of Bulgaria. Almost 50,000 Jews were living there in 1939 — and, in one of the most remarkable episodes of the Holocaust, were all saved. After 1948, almost the entire community emigrated to Israel. About 5,000 Jews remained and have lived a quiet, undisturbed existence.

A report on Bulgarian Jewry today has appeared in the Hadassah Magazine, written by a Canadian journalist, Sheldon Kirshner. The last ordained rabbi died 16 years ago and the community has not brought in another one. The president of the Central Israelite Ecclesiastical Council, Dr. Salvador Israel, has taken over rabbinical functions. He told Kirshner: "In another 20 years, there won't be a Jewish community any more. Religion is finished here. The Jewish nation will continue in Israel."

The grand synagogue, the largest Sephardi synagogue in Europe, attracts not more than 30 worshippers on Shabbat. Young people do not attend, and the intermarriage rate exceeds 50 per cent.

Dr. Israel asserted that Bulgaria is a land without anti-Semites, and while this may seem exaggerated, the fact is that unlike other East European countries, Bulgaria was not affected by anti-Semitic purges after World War II. Despite its close ties with the Soviet Union, Bulgaria did not use Jews as scapegoats.

The Bulgarians are proud of what

they did for the Jews during the war and in the heart of Sofia is a government-run Jewish museum with a photographic display documenting the achievements of the Jews battling the Nazis. The accompanying booklet adds a Marxist interpretation of events surrounding the persecution of the Jews at that time. It includes the statement:

"The visitor to this exhibition will probably ask why there are no documents concerning the participation of the various Zionist groups in the struggle against fascism. The answer is that they did not take part in the struggle. At certain times, they were even against it."

Of course, in fact, the Zionists did take part in that struggle — but the Zionists are now in Israel and are not there to argue.

Bulgarian Jews are well-integrated into the social fabric. Few Jews under the age of 30 or 40 look upon themselves as Jews in the religious, or even the cultural sense. Three thousand Jews live in Sofia, the capital; the others are mainly in the second city, Plovdiv, and the

Black Sea resort of Varna. Economically, they are well off. At least three are in the Communist Party Central Committee and others are members of parliament.

The Jews are recognized by the government as an ethnic-religious community. Its headquarters also house the Jewish Club, attended by the Jewish elderly. Younger people do not seek out fellow-Jews. The only Jewish periodical, the fortnightly Jewish News, is also edited in the same building. Despite the severance of links with Israel since 1967, there are some trade and tourist ties, with many Israelis of Bulgarian origin coming back to visit.

THE SAME issue of Hadassah Magazine has an article on alcoholism, entitled "Jews and Booze" (with the sub-head "The Wrath of Grapes"). It is written by Marcia Cohn Spiegel, who works in Jewish community service in Los Angeles.

She reports a Jewish community conference at which several delegates identified themselves as former alcoholics.

In the past, she notes, alcoholism among Jews was attributed to assimilation or loss of religious beliefs, but these people were all fully identified — culturally and religiously — in the community.

Historically, Jews have had an abstemious reputation and alcoholism has never been considered a Jewish problem. Today, that is changing, as the individual becomes part of the general culture and takes over its mores.

With the breakdown of the Jewish community's social control over individuals, with Jews moving increasingly into non-Jewish suburbs and into the upper-middle-classes with their habit of social drinking, there is the growing consumption of alcohol and the concomitant danger of alcoholism.

One study has found that when frequency of drinking and quantity consumed were considered, the alcoholism rate of Jewish and Irish groups were comparable — and the Irish have perhaps the highest rate in the world.

Some Jewish communities are now taking action. In New York, there are retreats for Jews with drinking problems and 11 synagogues host Alcoholics Anonymous meetings (some have introduced Jewish prayers into the AA ritual).

One particularly alarming feature has been the spread of alcoholism among Jewish teenagers and college students, often replacing drugs as a major challenge.

Lacking character

MUSIC REVIEWS

In a way, all this seems unfair to Shapira. Rudolf Barshai was supposed to conduct this subscription concert, but, again, as at the beginning of the season, he simply did not arrive. Had Shapira been invited in the first place, he certainly would have chosen a different programme.

BENJAMIN BAR-AM

Bartok: String Quartet No. 3; Mozart: String Quartet in D Major, K.575; Brahms: String Quartet in C Minor, Op.51 No. 1.

THE EVENING started off well with a tight and powerful reading of the Bartok work, which had style, substance and stamina. The elaborate demands of the score with its sound, rhythmic and melodic variants were met with ease. The performance as a whole was praiseworthy.

The following, charming Mozart

also fared well. Again, the musicians displayed unanimity of purpose and attitude, both in the flow and the fine building of the movements. There were good solos, especially the important cello part, well played by Uzi Wiesel, and the viola solo by Daniel Benyamini, which added warmth.

The Brahms was cultured but somewhat dry and restrained. There were some emotionally tired moments, and the unity seemed a laboured achievement. Haim Taub's tone lacked sonority, which led to a weaker relationship of volume among the instruments. Still, there were also fine episodes, and the playing gained impetus and managed to soar in the ending Allegro.

ESTHER REUTER

ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL: 8.10 English 6, 8.30 Special Education — Our Hour, 9.00 English 9.20 Geography 6, 10.10 Nature 5-6, 10.30 Programme for kindergartens (1.10 English 7, 11.30 Geography 7, 12.00 English 8, 12.25 Citizenship 7-9, 12.45 High School Science 13.15 Literature: Hamlet (part 3) 15.00 Ma Pison, English 6, French (repeats) 16.00 Documentary: Safari by Balloon — filming wildlife from a hot air balloon 16.55 On Ve-Ed — TV game

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES: 17.30 3, 4, 5K — Clocks (repeat) 17.50 Different Strokes 18.15 Star Blazers

ARABIC-ENGLISH programmes: 18.30 News roundup 18.32 Sports 19.27 Programme Trailer 19.30 News

NEWSPAPERS: PROGRAMMES resume at 20.00 with a news roundup 20.03 That's My Secret — TV game 20.30 Eight Thirty — art and entertainment magazine 21.00 Mahat sewared 21.30 Key Person — Monthly TV game featuring an Israeli personality 22.40 Julio Iglesias — selected songs 23.00 Sympathy for a Dog, Short film based on a story by Yigal Lev about a lonely old man and his only friend 23.30 Almost Midnight

JORDAN TV (official): 17.40 Cartoons 18.00 French Hour 18.30 (JTV 3) Thunderbird 19.00 News in Arabic 20.30 Here We Go Again 21.10 Elchier 22.00 News in English 22.15 Bestsellers 23.10 Documentary

ON THE AIR

First Programme 6.11 Musical Clock 7.07 (repeats) C.P.E. Bach: Sonata No.17, Amsterdam Chamber Orchestra, L. Mozart: Trumpet Concerto (Marinier, Wibrano); Beethoven: Piano Quartet No.3 (Engel); Dvorak: Husiska Overture 8.05 (stereo); Gluck: Flute Concerto (Rampal, Leibovitch); Bach: Cantata No.30 (Vianza) 9.05 Choral: Mozart: Piano Concerto in D Major K. 503 (Brendel); Schubert: Symphony No. 2 (Karl Boehm) 10.05 (stereo); Ravel: Trio (Previn) — Yung Suk Kim, Kirshenbaum); Dupuis et Chico, Suite No.2 (Baronbois) 11.00 Sephardi songs 11.15 Elementary School Broadcasts 11.30 Education for All 12.05 Beethoven: String Quintet op. 71 (Heutling, Otto Graf); Sextet op. 71 (Czech Philharmonic) 13.00 (stereo); Debussy: Fetes (Boulez) 13.05 (stereo); Adagio (Marinier); Edci: Capriccio (Rodan); M. Haydn, March;

Dukar: Vilander; Bach-Stokowski: Tocata and Fugue in D Minor (Stokowski) 14.10 Children's Programmes 15.30 World of Science 15.55 Notes on a new book 16.05 (stereo); Mini-Concert — Mozart: Symphony No.35; Haffner, K.385 (London Mozart Players, Harry Block); 16.30 (stereo); Radio Music Club 17.35 Programmes for Olney 20.05 Everyman's University 20.55 Reflections on the portion of the week with Prof. Yehoshua Leibowitz 21.00 Music Quiz (repeats) 21.35 (stereo); Sara Fuxon-Hayman and Bart Berman, piano, four-hands — Mozart: Sonata in G Minor, K.476; Ram De-Or; King Solomon and the Bee; Brahms: Walker op.39 22.15 (stereo); The Record Shelf 23.15 (stereo); Jazz Improvisations 00.10 (stereo); Choral Music — The Dutch Chamber Choir; Eric Ericson conducting — works by Monteverdi, Verdi and Rautavaara

Second Programme 6.23 Gymnastics 6.22 Agricultural broadcasts 6.54 Green Light — drivers' corner 7.00 This Morning — news magazine 8.10 All Shades of the Network — morning magazine 12.05 Productive Pace — magazine for workers and employers 12.30 Hebrew songs 13.00 Midday — music, news commentary 14.10 Anything Goes 16.10 Health and Medicine magazine 17.10 Beautiful Land (repeats) 18.07 Of Men and Figures — economics magazine 18.48 Bible Reading — Jeremiah 36:14-24 19.00 Today — people and events in the news 20.10 Sabbath songs 22.05 With People (repeats) 23.05 The Second Half — women's magazine

Arny 6.30 University on the Air: Dr. Shaul Shalev discusses the role of women in the Middle Ages 7.07 Songs 8.05 IDF Morning sewared 9.05 Right now — Yitzhak Ben-Ner's morning show 11.05 Israeli Winter — music, chat with Eli Yisraeli 12.45 Quarter to One — current affairs 14.05 Two Hours — music, art, cinema and theatre reviews, interviews, anecdotes 16.05 Four in the Afternoon 17.05 IDF Evening sewared 18.05 Military magazine 19.05 Needle in a Record Stack — new records and recordings 21.00 Mahat sewared 21.35 University on the Air (repeats) 22.05 Classical Record Shelf 23.05 Songs of the theatre (repeats) 00.05 Night Birds

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Clal Industries had 1980 exports of \$86.3 million

By MACABEE DEAN
TEL AVIV. — Exports of Clal Industries increased by 43 per cent in 1980, to stand at \$86.3m., Avi Margalit, deputy general manager of this division of Clal, said here recently. "We expect exports this year to increase by about 35 per cent," he added. The general manager of Clal Industries is Zvi Zur.

Most of the export growth in 1980 was in the field of electronics (\$28.3m., an increase of 84 per cent over the previous year) and in textiles (\$38m., an increase of 53 per cent). The two outstanding firms were Scitex, which exported goods valued at \$283.8m., and Kitan, with some \$28.8m.

Profits stood at \$159m., a real increase of 28 per cent and an in-

flationary increase of 197 per cent. The profit per share (fully diluted) was \$3.39, an increase of 137 per cent over the previous year (not diluted). The division's capital and reserves increased by 168 per cent (not diluted), to stand at \$296.3m. "Our profits would have been 15 per cent higher, if our Urdan division had pulled its full weight," Margalit says. "Not only did Urdan phase out the production of the Rom-Carmel car, but the plant was crippled by a ten-week strike."

Total sales, local and foreign, in 1980 stood at \$1,934m., an increase of 8 per cent in real terms and 149 per cent in inflationary terms. During 1980 some \$529m. was invested in development projects, compared with only \$59.9m. in 1979.

Danot may go into oil drilling

By MACABEE DEAN
TEL AVIV. — Danot Investments is seriously considering entering the field of oil exploration, Mark Mosevics, chairman of the company's board, said here recently.

"We have set up a study group to look into the possibilities of drilling, which will probably be carried out by an American company with which we are already in contact," he said. "I'm absolutely convinced that there is oil within the borders of Israel, and that we have done much too little drilling in the past," he added.

Danot, which was founded last year, so far has "between \$36m. and \$40m." in capital, most of which has already been invested.

"We plan to raise another \$20m. on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange as soon as the market comes alive again," Mosevics said, noting that plans to float such an issue a month

ago had been called off when the market took a nose-dive. He believes the "day of revival" on the exchange will be around May. "In April there will be so much money floating around, due to wage increments and lower taxes, that it will be seeking investment outlets. After all, how many colour TV sets can a family own?"

In addition to oil exploration, Danot is "moving into several other fields and negotiations are going on at a satisfactory pace." These fields are described (he uses vague terms in order not to reveal too much information) as high-precision technology, including computers and software, and "medical electronics."

Danot has dropped its plans to buy the shares held by the German Group in the Israel Corporation. "According to the latest reports, the Germans are asking \$24.5m. I hope

they have good luck in finding a buyer." Danot some months ago made an offer coming only to about 60 per cent of that amount. At present, Danot's main holding is the First International Bank "which had a very successful year in 1980."

It has acquired another three firms. One is the Rosenwasser factory, which makes gold chains, "and which is developing very, very satisfactorily." The company, whose main offices are in Or Yehuda, "expects to export products valued at \$30m. to \$35m. this year, with profits coming to several million dollars."

Treasury says tax revenue rose by

Jerusalem Post Reporter
Tax collections in the fiscal year that ends this month will be 9.4 per cent higher in real terms, than last year, the Treasury's State Revenue Administration has found.

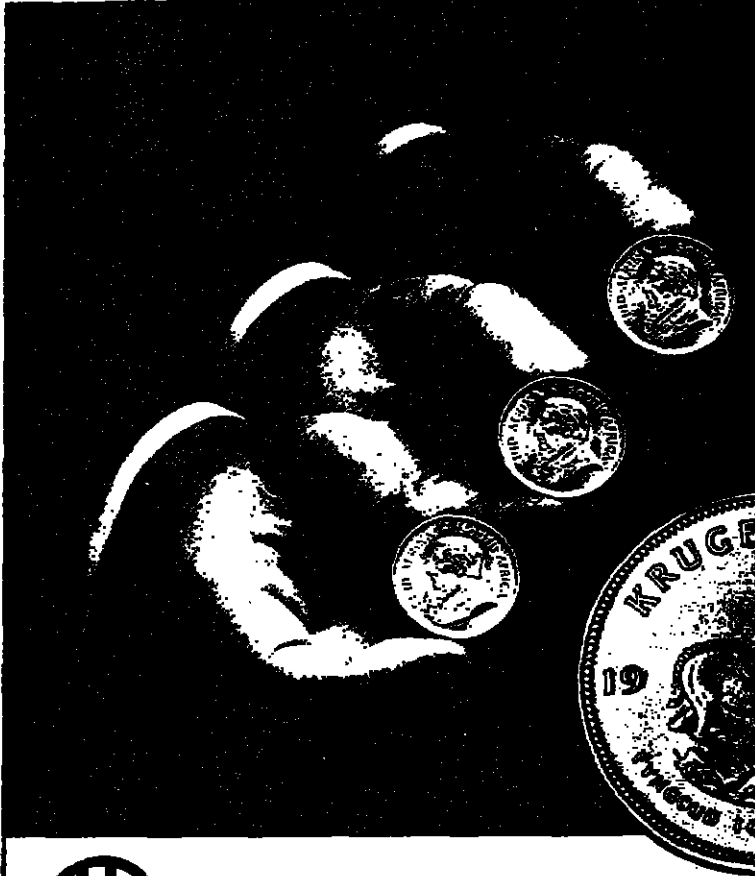
A document prepared by the administration shows that tax revenue in fiscal 1980 should have been \$145b., according to a base of the previous fiscal year and taking into account the rise in the gross national product, inflation and tax rebates. In fact, according to the tax authorities' forecasts, revenue will reach \$148.7b.

State Revenue Commissioner Uriel Lynn said that the significant increase in revenue reflects more

efficient tax collection. Jerusalem economists dispute estimates as well as the inflation. They argued that the tax revenues will be no more than 2-3 per cent, and this rise was caused by more tax deduction, and not by any income evasion.

El Al signs order for new Boeings

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The Coordinating Committee between the Government and the Executive of the World Zionist Organization — at their meeting which took place on January 20, 1981, formally recommended to establish a joint committee to deal with the problem of emigration ("yerida") from Israel.

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Shmuel Lahis
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CRYPTIC CLUES ACROSS

- Black and on wings for aircraft (4)
- A grass can damage a brain so (6)
- Twisted only on top (7)
- Negotiate for free entertainment (5)
- For a change I'm agreeable and good to look at (11)
- More than once there's a reduction in the staple food (6)
- Importance of delay, so it's said (6)

DOWN

- Big, dark, for mother with weaker traps (8)
- Invigorating note in music (5)
- It's a terrible incident in a very busy in dancing (9)
- Enter the road and become an obstruction (3, 2, 3, 3)
- Look around on knee for pearls (5)
- Folded again having answered a question (7)
- Strong place for a look (8)
- Strong man will hide the last of these (4)

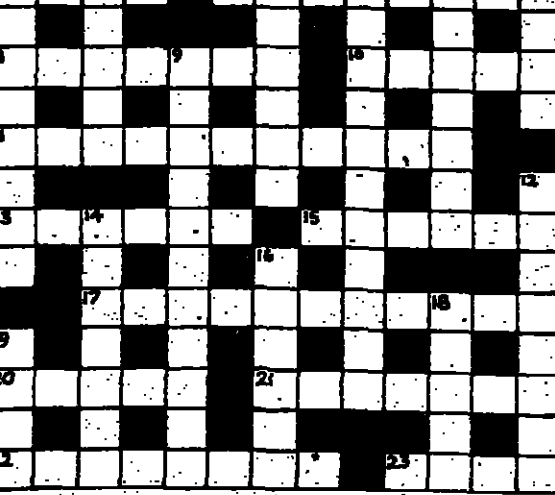
QUICK CLUES ACROSS

- Fast planes (4)
- Grass (6)
- Strong like a witch's hat (7)
- To provide therapy (5)
- To provide therapy (11)
- Three times (6)
- The hairiness of a thing (6)
- To be an obstruction (3, 2, 3, 3)
- To let (5)
- Answered (7)
- A stronghold (8)
- Instead (4)

DOWN

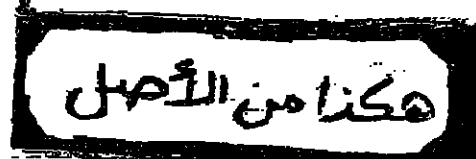
- The big prizes (8)
- Invigorating (5)
- Change in music (5)
- Place to buy old articles (7, 4)
- It's a terrible incident in a very busy in dancing (9)
- Head, nose (4)
- Strong (6, 5)
- Things go on (6, 2)
- Unfortunate coming (7)
- Traps (6)
- Colour of snow (5)
- Young cow (4)

Use cryptic or quick clues for the same answers.



YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION — ACROSS: 3. Stiletto, 8. Nose, 9. Shoot it out, 10. Knot, 11. Oest, 12. Sticks, 17. Manage, 18. Warden, 19. Bait, 20. Open, 21. Nasty, 22. Cold buffet, 23. Open, 27. Nostrils, 28. Down, 1. Hairnet, 2. Best of all, 4. Trunk, 5. Lairs, 6. Thaw, 7. Outsmart, 12. Best of all, 14. Tormenter, 15. American, 16. Sinner, 20. Falls, 21. Ember, 22. Offer, 23. Wages.

SOLUTIONS TO TODAY'S PUZZLE TOMORROW



Hotels abroad earn considerably more Profit margin in local hotel industry shrinks almost 7%

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Gross profits in the hotel industry catering to foreign tourists dropped from 19.4 per cent turnover in 1978 to 12.8 per cent in 1979. The outlook for 1980, for which figures are only now being collected, is for the downward trend to continue, according to a survey completed by the firm of Bawly, Illner & Co., certified public accountants.

In comparison, the average gross profit of tourist hotels abroad in 1978 was 27.8 per cent, rising to 29.2 per cent in 1979. Figures for 1980 are not yet available.

The survey points out several causes for this drop in profitability. A main cause in 1980 was the fact that the value of foreign currency earnings rose by 105 per cent, while the cost-of-living index rose by 133 per cent.

Since hotels pay their expenses according to the index, they were left in a sharp "bind" by the very income from foreign currency.

This drop in profitability has considerably slowed down investment in building new hotels or adding rooms to existing ones. At the end of 1980, some 4,900 rooms were under construction (2,400 in Jerusalem alone), but only 750 are expected to be finished in 1981, adding about 3 per cent to the total number of rooms.

Occupancy dropped from 65 per cent in 1978 to 64 per cent in 1979. A survey of hotels in five other countries showed that occupancy rose from 73 per cent in 1978 to 75 per cent in 1979.

There has been a considerable change in the range of countries sending tourists to Israel in the past decade, a period in which overall figures rose from 680,000 in 1972 to 1,065,000 in 1980. Tourism has increased at a rate of about 5 per cent a year over the last two years.

The number of tourists from Europe, accounting for 40 per cent of the total in 1971, rose to 61 per cent in 1980. Conversely, the number of tourists from the U.S. dropped from 49 per cent of the total in 1971 to 29 per cent in 1980.

There was a switch from five-star to four-star hotels; the top luxury hostels losing 3 per cent of their guests, while the second-level hotels picked up 9 per cent more.

Moreover, 1980 saw a fall in room occupancy in Tel Aviv by 3.5 per cent, while there were increases of 13.8 per cent in Netanya, 14.4 per cent in Eilat, 12.5 per cent at the Dead Sea resorts, and 11 per cent in Tiberias.



Ya'acov Heifetz, general manager of the Delek oil company (right) hands a scholarship cheque to a student at a ceremony at the Weizmann Institute recently. The Delek Foundation for Science, Education and Culture this year awarded IS\$800,000 in scholarships to university students at ORT and Amal vocational schools.

Increase of 322 per cent in profits of Petrochemicals

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU
Post Finance Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel Petrochemical Enterprises has just announced its financial results for 1980, which show net profits of IS\$60.8m, and reflect a year-to-year growth of 322 per cent. The profit margin rose sharply from 8.6 per cent to 14.6 per cent of sales, which in 1980 stood at IS\$416.1m, compared with IS\$169.1m in 1979.

Profits would have been even higher if the costs of sales had not shot up by more than 500 per cent and totalled IS\$1.1m. Financing costs, in sharp contrast to the major rises reported by most other industrial companies, were up by a very modest 36 per cent.

Net earnings per share were IS\$3.92, compared with IS\$1.075 a year ago, a 265 per cent increase.

The company has declared a cash dividend of 12 per cent, which is in addition to the interim 25 per cent cash dividend already paid on account of 1980. The payment of bonus shares of 65 per cent has been recommended. This comes on top of the 300 per cent in bonus shares previously paid for the year under review. The board of directors will also ask formal approval of the creation of a new IS\$50 share.

Israel Petrochemicals is in its 20th year of operations. It was founded in 1961 with the aim of producing ethylene, low-density polyethylene and carbon black. Since 1964, when the plant went on stream, the productive capacity of the polyethylene plant has been enlarged considerably.

Petrochemicals is dependent to a great extent on overseas demand and prices for its products.

The company is primarily owned by foreign investors, headed by Yael Ostrowitz, who has been the company's chairman since its inception.

Just over three years ago the company offered some 14 per cent of its shares to the public. At the time warrants and convertible debentures were also floated and these have been traded since then on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Market in lacklustre session

By JOSEPH MORGENTHAU
TEL AVIV. — The share market yesterday opened the week with a lacklustre performance, which was quite characteristic of recent sessions.

Financial shares, such as those of commercial and mortgage banks, insurance companies and specialized financial institutions, generally trended moderately higher. The service group was mostly higher, with gains ranging up to 5 per cent. Land development and real estate, industrials and investment company issues were mostly mixed, with price swings in both directions.

Trading turnover stood at IS\$1.8m.

Index-linked bonds were mostly unchanged, as trading turnovers picked up to IS\$3.4m. Bonds continue to trade at "bargain basement" prices. The Galil bonds appear to be especially attractively priced. There may be some buying towards the end of the month, when there is an added push to sign up for savings schemes.

There was little action among commercial bank shares. The Big Three advanced modestly, while the others remained unchanged in spite of selling offers.

Small price fluctuations were in evidence among insurance stocks, as prices were generally on the upside.

Cold storage 1.0, no dividend, was a star among service company shares as its price rose by more than 14 per cent.

HLB Real Estate was strong among land development stocks. The shares zipped ahead by 10.3 per cent.

Caesarea was a 10 per cent winner, but Rascos preferred popped up on the "sellers only" list.

Eilon 3 continued to be the most active security among industrials. The shares eased by one per cent. Moileit was down by nearly 6 per cent, as Galil Industries advanced by 4 per cent. Ta'al (B) fell by a full 10 per cent, as Frutaron added 8.3 per cent. Israel Petrochemicals, in the wake of positive financial results, was established as "buyers only" and automatically raised by 5 per cent.

Investment issues were mixed, but the DBIC option was a major loser as it fell by 28.6 per cent.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

Closing Volume Change price IL\$1,000			Closing Volume Change price IL\$1,000		
Comm. Banks & Bankholding			Prop & Bldg db 5		
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DBI prf A	2204.0	—	Bayada 0.2 r	440.0	19.0 n.c.
DBI prf B	2204.0	—	Bayada 0.3 r	425.0	13.5 -31.0
DBI prf C	2125.0	—	Izro r	250.0	46.3 +4.0
DBI prf D	1685.0	1.4 +10.0	Izro r	2680.0	1.1 +40.0
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DBI prf F	1685.0	8.7 n.c.	DBI prf	1800.0	3.2 +20.0
DBI prf G	995.0	12.7 +5.0	DBI prf A	705.0	5.5 —
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A contrived affair

SOME LEGITIMATE questions remain to be answered in the matter of the separate meetings reported to have been held by Labour leader Shimon Peres with Morocco's King Hassan II in Rabat (or was it in Marrakesh?) and with Jordan's Prince Mohammed in London last week.

One such question has to do with the source of the leaked report, which has already brought on a very angry, and obviously embarrassed, denial from King Hassan's court. Calling it a "fabrication" and a "provocation" Mr. Peres has heatedly blamed the leak on the Prime Minister's Office. Mr. Begin, taking the accusation personally, has just as vehemently tossed the ball back into Mr. Peres' backyard. He was very emphatic on this point after the cabinet session at which this issue was briefly dealt with yesterday.

Plainly, whatever value, either to the country or to the party, might have accrued from these meetings was largely destroyed by the premature release. The calculus of party advantage alone would have dictated publication of the report, suitably edited perhaps, by Mr. Peres at some later date. The trouble seems to be that Mr. Peres, like Mr. Begin, is in rather tentative control of his own entourage. That is where the key to the solution of the mystery may well lie.

Another legitimate question has to do with the purpose that was expected to be served by Mr. Peres' meetings (assuming he did in fact hold them) at this time.

In principle there is no reason why Israel's top opposition leader, who may be the country's next premier, should not confer with King Hassan, especially if this is done with Mr. Begin's tacit consent. The Moroccan monarch (read Moshe Dayan's just published memoir) is the man who acted as go-between in arranging President Sadat's journey to Jerusalem back in 1977. The king is a contact worth cultivating in the cause of Arab-Israeli peace.

Prince Mohammed, on the other hand, cuts a very minor figure in his brother Hussein's court in Amman: it is not his testimony that will decide whether or not there is such a thing as the misnamed "Jordanian option."

So much for the legitimate questions. Next, however, come the illegitimate questions, the bastard offspring of a bankrupt administration out for any available club with which to beat the loyal opposition.

Thus a "source" in the Prime Minister's Office, who (or which) must be well known to Mr. Begin, raised an issue over Mr. Peres' loyalty, no less, in "scandalously" conducting negotiations (as he, or it, called the conversations) "with the head of a state officially in a state-of-war with Israel" and in giving "assurances undermining the government's bargaining position." This sort of fabrication, as Mr. Peres rightly termed it, deserves nothing but contempt.

A member of Mr. Begin's cabinet, Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, went even further by raising the question whether Mr. Peres did not, legally speaking, deserve to have charges pressed against him for talking to King Hassan (Prince Mohammed is apparently considered small beer) — as Tewfik Toubi and Charlie Biton should properly have stood trial for meeting Yasser Arafat. The analogy — between the Moroccan chief of state and the PLO chairman, between two Communist MKs and the Labour Party chairman — is too mind-boggling for words.

Mr. Peres may have erred in taking the precise course he did. But in impugning his loyalty, the government has indicated that it took leave of its senses. That is emerging as the true shame, and the real scandal, of this whole affair.

Aridor makes merry

THIS WEEK may see a fresh round of Finance Minister Yoram Aridor's pre-election tax reductions. As predicted, the time limit on tax cuts on cars (and probably on other durable goods as well) will be extended. In addition, cut price sales will be offered on a range of additional electrical appliances.

The accent, however, will be on construction materials. An agreement with some leading contractors is reported to be in the offing, whereby the contractors will match any cost reduction due to lower purchase taxes on cement, steel, sanitary ware and the like with an extra price cut of their own of the same size.

That would be fine, if it could be expected to be more than an election gimmick by Mr. Aridor, allied to a sales gimmick by the building contractors. For theirs is a curious economic sector. The prices of flats in 1980 lagged behind overall inflation, but nevertheless remained out of reach of those in need of housing. The adjustment of mortgage loans to inflation lagged even more behind inflation than the price of apartments.

Contractors are offering price reductions, free television sets, trips abroad and other prizes to buyers who would have bought without these inducements. At the same time those people who really need a roof over their heads remain priced out of the market no matter what attractions the contractors offer.

The housing market is almost unique in being competitive. Lower costs, unless massive — which those offered by Mr. Aridor are not — will hardly affect housing prices. The discounts that the contractors are willing to give in any case will now be masked as cost reductions due to Mr. Aridor's tax cuts — and Mr. Aridor will claim the credit.

It all conforms to a pattern. Most of what Mr. Aridor is doing is an astute exercise in getting maximum electoral effect out of a minimal waste of public resources. He might have done worse. Even if the so-called "end-of-season-sale" costs the economy \$50m. or \$100m., that will still stand comparison with what any previous government has been willing to sacrifice on the altar of elections.

Mr. Aridor, in a word, has no strategy, but his tactics are efficacious. Neither he nor his colleague, David Levy, the "strong man" for the Histadrut, can increase the supply of flats. He will, however, succeed in creating a short-lived euphoria — and that is all that counts, so far as he is concerned.

What the Labour opposition has not yet realized is that Mr. Aridor, the present government's third finance minister, is really acting as its official receiver. The opposition views what he does as if he was in charge of managing a going concern, responsible for strategy, long-term viability, growth and prosperity.

A receiver, taking care of a virtually bankrupt business, is concerned with short-term solvency, with keeping current operations afloat at minimal cost, and at the highest possible fee for the receiver — which, in Mr. Aridor's case, means maximum electoral gain from whatever he does.

So far he has been very successful at that, and the truth is that he has not even been outrageously wasteful.

The pity is that the opposition does not have the stature to put all these antics into their proper perspective — to expose them as the petty, demagogic, although not really harmful tricks they are. What is missing is, if not a truly grand design, at least a sober, responsible response to Mr. Aridor's "proper and balanced" economic policy.

POSTSCRIPTS

THE FBI have launched a hunt for an armed bank robber, but they won't know what to do if they catch him. He's believed to be between seven and 10 years old.

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FBI agents went through the bank's security videotapes but said that because of his age they will not be able to circulate any pictures of the boy.
In addition, police said that if they do catch him, there is little they can do — he is too young to be charged.

THE FIRST of July may well go down in Israeli history as "the day of the great shock." After a day of elections and a night of waiting for the results, it may turn out that the Alignment will win and yet remain in the opposition.

Political commentators tend to look upon the Labour Party's chairman and candidate for prime minister as head of the next government. Although this may warm the hearts of the Labour Party and encourage those who wish the Alignment well, the assumption may well turn out to have been incorrect.

The commentators are certain that the Alignment will garner sufficient votes in the election to turn its faction into the largest in the 10th Knesset. Public opinion polls have shown growing support for the Alignment during the past year, and the Alignment faction may become the largest in the Knesset. But there is no certainty that the Likud will not recapture support between now and the end of June. In addition, there is no indication of what support a Dayan list will get, if launched.

There is, however, one element in the situation that is certain: the constitutional aspect of establishing a government.

I would like to question the assumption that by virtue of the Alignment's winning the most Knesset seats, its leader, Shimon Peres, will therefore be guaranteed the premiership. My reason is that the president does not have to call upon the candidate of the Knesset's largest faction to form a cabinet. Therefore, if the Alignment does

not get an absolute majority of 61 seats, it is not certain that Peres will be the next prime minister, even though the Alignment is the largest Knesset faction.

Paragraph 6 of the Basic Law says that "When a new government is to be established, the president will, after consultation with representatives of the Knesset factions, call upon a Knesset member to form a government..." There is no legal requirement that the president give this task to the candidate of the largest faction.

ALTHOUGH the task of forming a government has in the past been given to the representative of the largest Knesset faction, this was done because the candidates of the largest factions were capable politically of setting up a coalition government. But in February 1951, President Weizmann did not call upon David Ben-Gurion to put a cabinet together, because he had come to the conclusion that Ben-Gurion could not command the necessary majority.

Therefore, if Shimon Peres cannot establish a coalition, he will certainly inform the president of this, as did Ben-Gurion. Furthermore,

the president is authorized to decide not to call upon Peres to form a government, if the president concludes, "after consultation with representatives of the Knesset factions," that the Alignment will be unable to create a coalition.

In addition, even if the president has called upon the Alignment candidate to set up a government, Paragraph 9 of the Basic Law: The Government states that any group of 61 Knesset members may interrupt the procedure of forming a government and ask the president to charge another Knesset member who has the support of 61 MKs with the task of forming a government.

The procedure is this: the president may turn the task over consecutively to two MKs. Each one has two blocks of 21 days to try his hand, which means a total of 42 days. In other words, the president has 84 days, or 12 weeks, at his disposal. The president can decide for political reasons to take no action during this period. But at the end of the 84 days, according to Paragraph 9(a), "representatives of factions whose members constitute a majority in the Knesset" may request the president, in writing, to charge Knesset Member "X" with the task

of forming a government. Paragraph 9(b) states that "When such a request is presented to the president together with the agreement in writing of the said Knesset member, then the president will call upon him to establish a government."

IF THE ALIGNMENT does not get an absolute majority of 61 seats, then Knesset Member "X" may turn out to be Menachem Begin, Moshe Dayan, Yosef Burg, Yitzhak Shamir or any other member of the Knesset.

In a radio interview on February 2, Deputy Prime Minister Simha Ehrlich said that if Moshe Dayan, MK, was worthy of serving as minister of foreign affairs in the Likud government, then he will certainly be worthy of serving once again in the next Likud government. The shrewd Ehrlich knew what he was talking about. A Dayan list is capable of blocking the way of the Alignment to power even if the Alignment gets a large popular vote on June 30.

Under certain circumstances, even a return to the balance of forces in the Knesset as it was

before the Likud came when the Alignment held including those of the Alignment would be establish the next gov because a bloc of 61 men set up a new government.

If the Likud, Dayan, the Aguda, Tehiya, the Rabbi Haim Druckman, if it is formed, and even Agudat Yisrael and Flat were to join hands, they would demand 61 seats and the minister would not need the Alignment candidate.

Therefore, if the Alignment wishes to return to power, it has to make every organizational, in public and above all with regard to achieve an absolute majority. Such efforts would bring those in the minority, particularly Yitzhak Rabin, majority and in particular side of Peres.

An Alignment list that in the No. 2 spot, as in the a clear-cut statement it will receive an important in the next cabinet would way towards improving ment's chances of setting next government. In this only does the Alignment Rabin, but so does Peres.

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